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Simon Barnes talks to Jack Simmons, veteran off-spinner

## Portfolio

There were two winners in yesterday's Times *Portfolio* Competition. Miss Edith Nash of Alverstoke, Hampshire, and Mr John Nunn of Hambledon, Portsmouth each received £2,000. Portfolio list, page 20; how to play, information service, back page

The weekly prize on Saturday will be £40,000. The usual £20,000 is doubled because no one won last week

## Confusion on Ulster poll rules

Confusion over new regulations on identity documents marked yesterday's Ulster local government elections. A lower turnout than usual was expected because of steady rain. The regulations were introduced to prevent personation.




## Brittan jeered

Mr Leon Brittan, the Home Secretary, was booed and jeered when he defended government policy at the Police Federation's annual conference in Blackpool

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## Everton win

Everton won the European Cup Winners' Cup when they beat Rapid Vienna 3-1 in Rotterdam.

## 8 pages of jobs

Executives who lead can stimulate employment and improve the prosperity of their companies, says Walter Goldsmith, head of an executive search consultancy, in the introduction to today's eight-page section of general appointments

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## ENIGMA

A number of readers yesterday spotted an error in the second clue of this week's Enigma competition. Today in the back page information service we give both the second and third clues.


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# Pym ginger group split over launch tactics

By Anthony Bevins, Political Correspondent

Mr Francis Pym's new Conservative pressure group went to ground, battered and in retreat, last night after angry accusations that it had betrayed its initial principles and badly mishandled the launch.

The Conservative establishment watched the disintegration of the revolt with barely-concealed delight, while Labour and the Liberals snatched the opportunity of making capital out of Mr Pym's attack on government policies.

A post-mortem meeting on Mr Pym's Oxford speech, held in an *out-of-the-way* Westminster office in the old Scotland Yard building, was marked by anguished exchanges as founder members of the group, Conservative Centre Forward, criticized Mr Pym's speech.

Mr Alan Haselhurst, MP for Saffron Waldon, said afterwards: "It would be rare indeed to find 30-odd people with 100 per cent the same views on how any organization or loose grouping should operate. There are inevitably different views on how you should proceed."

But that comment masked a desperate division in the group, shown by Mr Jerry Hayes, MP for Harlow, who resigned from its 10-member steering committee in protest against Mr Pym's speech.

Mr Hayes said: "I was very annoyed by Francis Pym's speech. We had a complete departure from the agreed principles of the group. That is what distressed me most of all."

He said that they had agreed in preliminary meetings that they should express support for the general thrust of government policy, that they should be a loose and informal grouping and that they should use the most temperate language in calling for "adjustments" to government policy.

Mr Pym's speech had not reflected those principles. "I really am not going to lend my name to a group which is perceived to be divisive", he said. "One thing the party stresses above all is loyalty. Francis knows the ropes."

Those criticisms were reflected inside the private meeting of the group's leaders and it was emphasized afterwards that it did not intend to pose a challenge to the Government or its central policies and was emphatically not a party within a party. Mr Pym was told that he should not have referred in his speech to Mrs Thatcher.

It was agreed, further, that the group should not hold any more meetings for a fortnight. One senior member said that it was appropriate that the group should go quiet after such a "big bang" start. Another said that the launch had badly backfired.

Senior critics on the "wet" wing of the Conservative Party, who have already suggested that the group represented "the same old lilylivered stuff", said that if it went to ground so soon after the launch it would lose all momentum.

But there are others, on the right of the party, who refuse to write off a group led by a former Chief Whip regarded as someone playing for the "highest possible stakes". The group, it is said, could still represent a threat to the Government's policies.

There was some fear among Government whips last night that an incautious right-winger might jump into the attack against the group at tonight's weekly meeting of the Tory backbench 1922 committee. If that happened there could be an embarrassing and open split.

The Labour Party took advantage of the Conservatives' embarrassment with a Channel 4 *Comment* broadcast in which Mr John Prescott, the employment spokesman, said that Mr Pym had confirmed what Labour had been saying all along, "that Britain's unemployment is amongst the worst in Europe and that much of it has been caused directly by the Government's own economic policies".

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# Police spotter plane crashes on trial operation





Above: the Optica in flight. Right above, the crash site (marked by X) only yards from Ringwood market; and below, the wreckage half hidden by trees.

By Colin Hughes

Two policemen were killed yesterday when their new Edgley Optica aircraft crashed only a day after it was handed over to Hampshire police for trials flying.

The Optica, nicknamed the "bug-eye" and "the eye in the sky" for its extraordinary all-round vision design, was the first production model on its first day in police service. The crash came as a severe blow to the manufacturers, Edgley Aircraft, of Old Sarum, Wiltshire, who have worldwide export orders for nearly 100 aircraft worth around £15m.

The aircraft, on lease for four months from Air Foyle, of Luton, was flying over Ringwood in the New Forest, testing crowd and traffic observation on the town's market day.

Hundreds of shoppers watched horrified as the aeroplane circled 100 feet above taking photographs, and then appeared to stall. Onlooders said the pilot seemed to struggle to steer the plane away from the houses and crowds.

It then nose-dived suddenly, and plunged into a small copse alongside the busy dual-carriageway. Eye-witnesses ran to help, but were unable to reach the two policemen inside before the aircraft exploded in flames.

Hampshire police said the PC Gerald Spencer, the pilot, and Det Con Malcolm Wiltshire, the photographer, died immediately. They had undergone several weeks' training at Old Sarum before flying.



Det. Con Wiltshire (left) and PC Spencer, the pilot.

Mr Martin Edwards, one eye-witness, said: "I dashed over to where the plane came down, and could see two people inside who were unconscious. I tried to help, but it burst into flames and I could not get near it. It was awful. There was nothing we could do it to help."

Mr John Duke, Hampshire chief constable, who received the aircraft at a special ceremony on Tuesday afternoon, visited the scene and said the accident was "stunning blow". He added: "It looked as if the pilot deliberately drove away from the town, but we cannot yet be sure what happened."

[illegible] from the Accident Investigation Branch of the Department of Transport surveyed the wreckage and began interviewing witnesses and radio operators yesterday afternoon.

When the aircraft was unveiled the Prime Minister, Mrs Thatcher, called it "a triumph

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## Strike fear over BR cut in jobs

By Barrie Clement
Labour Reporter

Rail union leaders last night threatened widespread disruption after British Rail Engineering announced its intention to shed 4,800 jobs – one-fifth of the workforce.

The company disclosed a plan to close its workshop at Swindon with the loss of 2,263 workers, and to axe 1,206 jobs at Glasgow, with cuts at eight other centres.

The cuts, scheduled for the next two years, will almost certainly result in selective action including a 24-hour stoppage, but calls yesterday for a complete national shutdown involving all 160,000 members of the National Union of Railwaymen were thought likely yesterday to fall on deaf ears.

The rail union, which with the Confederation of Shipbuilding and Engineering Unions is the main representative of the employees, is committed to industrial action by its annual conference in the event of a closure or compulsory redundancies.

An emergency meeting of the unions executive will take place early next week to discuss what rail union officials believe could be a total job loss of 6,000.

Another meeting involving both sides has been fixed for May 29.

The tootal job loss announced yesterday was 1,300 more than that given at a similar joint consultative council meeting a year ago. The company says the extra jobs have to go because of a 13 per cent drop over the last year in repairs.

Mr Alan Dunkley, British Rail Engineering's director, said an industrial estate was planned at Swindon to create alternative employment.

The proposed job losses are: Swindon 2,263; Glasgow, 1,206; Eastleigh, 399; Doncaster, 348; Crewe, 178; Wolverton, 140; York, 126; Derby, Litchurch Lane, 72; Derby Loco, 55; Horwich, 33; headquarters staff to rise by 54.

# Notts miners vote by large majority to leave NUM

By Craig Seton and Paul Routledge

**Miners in moderate Nottinghamshire have voted by 3-1 to leave the National Union of Mineworkers rather than accept its final authority.**

**The vote, in a pit head ballot, was announced yesterday 24 hours after the national executive decided narrowly to recommend the dismissal of Mr Roy Lynk, leader of the dissident Nottinghamshire miners.**

**Nottinghamshire men had been asked by their executive to support total opposition to proposed changes in the national union's rulebook which would increase the authority of Mr Arthur Scargill the president and, his left-dominated national executive – even if it meant being expelled from the union or leaving.**

**The miners voted 15,157 to 5,631 which was seen as a vote of confidence in Mr Lynk, acting general secretary of the NUM in Nottinghamshire and Mr Dave Prendergast, his deputy, who was "reprimanded" by the national executive.**

**The Nottinghamshire area, where the great majority of miners worked throughout the year-long strike, is under threat of expulsion from the union for changing its rules to protect it from the authority and discipline of the national union.**

**If the rule changes go through at July's delegate conference, Nottinghamshire would almost certainly act quickly to leave the union rather than be expelled. If it did so, it would probably be followed by Leicestershire and South Derbyshire, whose miners also defied the strike.**

**The National Coal Board beat a tactical retreat yesterday on the case of colliery closures in the hope of averting a national ban on overtime by pit deputies.**

**After day-long talks with mining unions, its personnel director, Mr Michael Eaton, said: "I am sure that the differences now remaining between us can be reconciled."**

**Leaders of Nacods will disclose today that they have won a majority vote in a secret pit head ballot to impose an immediate overtime ban in protest at what they call "the creeping closure" programme.**

**In an attempt to avert that disruption, the board gave an assurance that any decision on closing pits will be dealt with under the industry's review procedure, as it exists or with modifications agreed last October, if final agreement can be reached with all the unions. In the meantime, area directives are to meet with unions locally to discuss every pit.**

**There are at least 14 pits under threat of closure. They are concentrated in Scotland, the North-east, Yorkshire and South Wales and employ more than ten thousand men.**

**But yesterday's announcement by the board gives many of them a stay of execution.**

## Progress by Gromyko and Howe

Vienna – After meeting Mr Andrei Gromyko for more then an hour here yesterday Sir Geoffrey Howe, the Foreign Secretary, said the cause of British and Russian mutual understanding had been advanced (Richard Bassett writes).

Britain's message for the Soviet Union was realistic and honest Sir Geoffrey said. During the talks he had attempted to demonstrate the complete sincerity of the West towards increasing world security.

Sir Geoffrey said he had also raised the question of human rights

Commenting on Tuesday's six-hour meeting between Mr George Shultz, US Secretary of State, and Mr Gromyko, the Foreign Secretary said it has served the purpose of setting out both side's positions.

Progress, he said, would be a long haul but he did not think the talks had in any way set back the cause of arms control.

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# Tamils massacred in ferry attack

From Michael Hamlyn, Colombo

The spiral of violence and counter-violence in Sri Lanka took another twist yesterday when two boats, said by survivors to have been naval vessels, attacked a ferry carrying 60 Tamils from the island of Delft, off the northern peninsula.

Tamil sources said the passengers, mostly women and children, were attacked with knives and swords, and 28 people were killed. Thirty passengers were taken to hospital in Jaffna, the main town of the Tamil-dominated north.

The administrative secretary of the Tamil United Liberation Front, Mr M Alalasunderam, a former MP, visited them. He has sent a telegram of protest to president Jayewardene.

The incident follows Tuesday's massacre in the pilgrimage town of Anuradhapura. Yesterday the government said that 145 people died in the onslaught by Tamil guerrillas. More than a hundred people were injured.

Tamils all over the island are waiting to see whether the massacre will spark a convulsion against them similar to that which killed 400 in 1983, after the death of 13 soldiers in an ambush in Jaffna.

A number of Tamil shops in Anaradhapura have been burnt and Tamil officials are said to have been killed. Some estimates put the number at 14 or 15, including the stationmaster of Medawachchiya, a north-central agricultural town.

Witnesses in Anarudhapura spoke of the great anger of the citizens there. A number of prominent Tamils have been evacuated by government plane. A Sri Lankan television team was manhandled by angry citizens during the day.

TULF sources said there had been other incidents in three towns in the north-western province, but so far there have been no incidents in Colombo, where 100,000 Tamils have remade their lives after the spasm of 1983.

There is a fear that incidents may be sparked as a result of the funerals of some of the Anuradhapura victims. Many of those who died were pilgrims at the Buddhist shrine in the ancient town.

Pilgrims' families will be returning with the bodies to *distant part of the island, in* what one observer described as "a highly emotional and agitated state".

There have been scenes of anguish as relatives visited the mortuary to identify the dead. Diplomats in Colombo say that so far there has been no indication that any foreign pilgrim or tourist was involved.

## Pope wants more EEC aid for poor

Luxembourg (Reuter) – The Pope contrasted food surpluses in Europe with famine elsewhere in the world and asked European Community officials if enough was being done to help the needy when he arrived here from The Netherlands yesterday. He said successive Lomé Conventions between the Community and developing nations had gone some way to redress the balance. But he asked if everything possible had been achieved, particularly in Africa where countries were crippled by drought and foreign debts.

The EEC destroyed more than 2 million tonnes of fruit and vegetables last year at a cost of $330 million (about £265 million), according to a report

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## Block on new offer to teachers

By Lucy Hodges
Education Correspondent

Local authority employers were understood last night to be prepared to make an increased pay offer of between five and six per cent to more than 400,000 schoolteachers in England and Wales.

But it is believed that representatives from the Department of Education and Science were blocking moves by employers from the Association of County Councils and Association of Metropolitan Authorities to increases the pay offer from its present four per cent. The DES has a veto on the Burnham pay negotiating committee.

Earlier the employers agreed to alter the wording of a condition for talks on a new offer. Originally they had wanted the teachers to commit themselves to further talks next year on a package for restructuring teachers' salaries.

But they dropped this after it was clear that the bigest teachers' union, the National Union of Teachers, found the condition unpalatable. The teachers' side has now agreed to look at further outstanding matters next year

The talks, which began at 11am at Central Hall, Westminster, were still unfinished last night.

Union leaders remained cautious about the prospect of a settlement. Mr Fred Smithies, general secretary of the National Association of Schoolmasters/Union of Women Teachers, said: "I am not optimistic about a settlemenmn: obviously we hope to achieve one.

"We have had three months of disruption in the schools and if we cannot get a deal today I believe disruption for the rest of the term is inevitable."

# Doctors battle on as Bradford mourns

From Peter Davenport, Bradford

**As the people of Bradford gathered to mourn their dead in the parish church close to the Valley Parade football ground yesterday the medical battle to ease the plight of those who escaped with their lives but suffered appalling burns reached its peak.**

**Eight hundred people gathered at St Patrick's parish church for a concelebrated requiem Mass led by the Bishop of Leeds, Mgr William Gordon Wheeler, assisted by 20 priests. Relatives of those who died, club officials and the entire Bradford City football team were among those who attended the service.**

**At the same time 15 miles away at the specialist burns unit at Pinderfields Hospital, Wakefield, health authorities allowed journalists a unique insight into the efforts to care for the nine men and women who suffered the terrible injuries as fire gutted the main stand in Saturday's disaster.**

**The patients, including a father and son both critically ill, are mainly elderly. Some sustained 70 per cent burns and were transferred to the unit on Saturday evening after assessment at local hospitals in Bradford immediately after the blaze which has claimed 52 lives.**

**Dr John Settle, director of the unit, and medical authorities instigated the hospital's major accident plan with five specialist doctors and up to 40 nurses working around the clock tending the victims in the 16-bed unit.**

**Each patient is in a separate, cream-painted sterile room without even flowers to brighten the surroundings because they pose a risk of infection. The only bright splash of colour is the get-well cards taped to the doors and the occasional family photograph on a bedside locker amid the paraphenalia of modern, high-tech medicine.**

**Dr Settle, director of the unit since 1973 and a member of staff since its formation in 1965, outlined the treatment being given to the patients in the biggest disaster with which the unit has had to cope.**

**In the first two days the main risk of death came not from extensive burns but from the threat of the loss of body fluids and damage to vital organs such as lungs or kidneys.**

**Dr Settle explained the pain was not a real problem in the immediate aftermath of the fire but as treatment progresses patients become more aware of it and doctors had to find a balance between giving pain relieving drugs and the danger of patients succumbing under such treatment to other, potential illnesses, such as pneumonia.**

**The ages of the nine patients two of them women, range from 33 to 79 years. Yesterday four were critically ill. Dr Settle said: "It would be very surprising if all nine did survive."**

**Those who live face up to three months in hospital and the years of follow-up treatment and numerous operations.**

**The police investigation into the fire has still not produced the cause and it may never be known because the blaze was so fierce**

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# Police conference jeers Brittan over Government law and order policy

By Stewart Tendler, Crime Reporter

Derisive laughter and cries of "rubbish" greeted Mr Leon Brittan, the Home Secretary, yesterday as he defended the Government's policy on law and order to representatives of 120,000 police officers.

Mr Brittan, addressing the annual conference of the Police Federation in Blackpool was given one of the roughest receptions a Home Secretary has had from a police audience since the pay dispute in the late 1970s.

A few hours before Mr Brittan spoke, the conference unanimously passed an emergency resolution expressing "grave concern at recent policices and legislation" which were "in direct conflict with the efficient maintenance of law and order".

Mr Brittan, aware of the criticisms which might be facing him, chose to depart from his original text, meeting attacks on the Government's reduction in police manpower. The change was of no avail.

Bursts of applause during his speech were outnumbered by attacks from groups among several thousand delegates and observers which punctuated the Home Secretary's address.

He was attacked when he spoke of the need to hear the views of junior officers and tried to defend the current policy of using more civilian staff.

There were cries of "get some more policemen" and "more policemen on the streets" when he described the policy in fighting crime.

There were brief boos when he pointed out that the worst categories of murder, including those of killing a policeman, now meant at least 20 years in prison. The police have argued for bringing back capital punishment for certain murders.

The most serious interruptions came when Mr Brittan described the new Police and Criminal Evidence Act. The police believe it will make their task harder and more complicated by bureaucracy. As Mr Brittan described the Bill he had difficulty at one point in making himself heard.

There were cries of "rubbish" when he told the conference that the strength of the police service had risen by 12,000 police and civilian staff in the past six years.

At one stage he told the conference: "I have followed and will reflect on the views expressed here throughout the conference because I do understand the importance of listening to what you have to say."

When he sat down at the end of a speech lasting more than half-an-hour there were again cries of "rubbish" when he was thanked by Mr Leslie Curtis, chairman of the federation.

Mr Brittan's reception was in deep contrast to the reaction from the audience to a speech by Mr Curtis which preceded it. Mr Curtis was critical of the Government and received applause as he spoke.

He attacked the Government's attitude during the miners' strike to the use of the civil law and told the Home Secretary that there was no acceptable level for police casualties.

He said: "The police officer should not be the sacrificial lamb on the altar of ideals."

What good was civil law when it was not used? he asked.

He told Mr Brittan: "We are convinced that the result of not using the civil law was that the police were left to fill a legal vacuum that was thus created."

# Thatcher exhorts companies on exports

Mrs Margaret Thatcher yesterday spoke simultaneously to several hundred businessmen gathered in London, Edinburgh, and Cardiff, by means of a video film, to emphasize that it has never been more important for them to work together to achieve export sales and so create more jobs at home.

Her address marked the start of the most highly orchestrated attempt by the Government to push more companies into chasing foreign sales, with a presentation called "Exporting for jobs".

Sir Alistair Burnet, the television news presenter, is chairman and the project is supported by several large companies.

Mrs Thatcher told her audiences that export salesmen are "the job creators of the 1980s".

Mr Norman Tebbit, Secretary of State for Trade and Industry, emphasized "live" at the London event that "export growth is now outstripping domestic growth", and added that a 1 per cent increase in Britain's share of world trade, at present just under 8 per cent, translates into 250,000 new jobs in Britain.

The object of the exercise, Mr Tebbit said, is to encourage successful exporters to impart the "tricks of their trade" to their suppliers, so that the latter become exporters in their own right.

"Enlightened generosity, that is what the conference is about," he said. He laid to rest the phase invented by Mr Harold Macmillan as prime minister that "exporting is fun".

He said: "During much of our post-war history, this country has proved rather more successful at exporting jobs than exporting for jobs.

"It is chastening to recall that 30 years ago, the UK held as dominant a share of world markets as Japan does today. Since then, our share of world trade has dwindled from 20 per cent, the proportion currently held by Japan, to less that 8 per cent."



Endangered orchid: Conservationists moved into a meadow yesterday to stop a rare colony of green-winged orchids (right) and wild peas (*Tetragonolobus*) being ploughed up or sprayed with weed killer by builders

The 1.5 acre site at West Mersea, near Colchester, is in the process of being listed as a site of special scientific interest.

But W A Salmon and Sons has applied for planning permission to build seven homes on the field, which overlooks the sea. Colchester Borough Council has defered a decision.

The Essex Naturalists Trust says the company has threatened to spray or plough it up unless it is paid £200,000 compensation if planning permission is refused.



# Solicitors 'need tighter curb'

By Peter Evans, Home Affairs Correspondent

MPs are urged today by the Legal Action Group to make radical changes in the system of dealing with complaints against solicitors.

The group says that the Administration of Justice Bill, which has its second reading today, includes only minor improvements requested by the Law Society after severe criticism in the past two years of its complaints handling.

Part One of the Bill amends the Solicitors Act, 1974, to extend the disciplinary sanction that the Law Society can apply to solicitors for "inadequate professional services."

Under the Bill the Law Society would be able to examine solicitors' files in connection with a complaint alleging professional misconduct or poor quality professional services, the group says.

The extended powers would enable the society to order a solicitor found guilty of poor professional work to repay costs to clients, or relieve clients of all or part of the costs.

The society would be able also to direct solicitors, the group says, to put things right at their expense or take other action in the client's interest.

The society will be able to lay down conditions in individual cases for the issue of annual practising certificates and impose conditions on existing ones. The group acknowledges that the provisions give the society greater power over solicitors.

# Six nurses affected by Legion disease

By Craig Seton

Nurses contracted Legionnaires' disease at the Staffordshire hospital at the centre of the outbreak during which 37 people have died, it was disclosed yesterday.

It was also revealed that a mild strain of Legionnaires' disease bacterium had been found in the air conditioning system at St Peter's Hospital, Chertsey, Surrey.

The nurses affected all worked in, or near, the out-patients department at Stafford District General Hospital, where it is suspected contaminated water in the cooling system was the source

Health officials ave been puzzled that so many people who visited the out-patients department could be infected while no member of staff at the hospital had apparently become ill or shown symptoms of the disease.

Blood tests carried out on the staff have shown that six women nurses had caught the disease, although only two had reported feeling unwell. They had all carried on working.

One more death, of a man aged 80, was reported yesterday, bringing to 36 the number who died in Stafford. Another death, in Stoke on Trent, was directly linked to the outbreak.

A total of 162 patients, have been admitted during the outbreak to hospitals in Staffordshire, although only 56 were still receiving treatment yesterday. Three are seriously ill. Medical officers have established 55 positive victims, including 14 who died.

# Rate rebels heartened by ruling on spending

By Hugh Clayton, Local Government Correspondent

Rates rebels grasped yesterday at a legal defeat of the Government as a posible reprieve for their campaign of defiance. Mr Justice Glidewell has ruled in the High Court that government decisions about spending targets for the London coucil of Hamersmith and Fulham were "not properly made and must be quashed".

The hung council is not rate-capped and is outside the campaign of defiance pursued by a dwindling group of Labour councils. But the Association of London Authorities said that the court defeat for ministers might force them to open talks with the defiant councils.

The Labour-led association, which represents the six-capped councils which have not yet fixed rates, last night sent details of the court case to Labour councillors preparing to surrender to government demands that they should fix legal rates.

The association said that the case showed that the powers of ministers were limited in an area where they had been assumed to have absolute dicretion. It means that Hammersmith and Fulham can spend an extra £800,000 a year without incurring penalties.

Ministers had told defiant councils that they would discuss spending concessions because the rules for the coming year had been approved by Parliament.

# Nurse training reform urged

By Nicholas Timmins, Social Services Correspondent

Plans to reorganize nurses' training, with students doing more academic work in their first two years instead of being used a unqualified cheap labour on the wards, have been drawn up by the English National Board for Nursing, Midwifery and Health Visiting, the statutory body responsible for nurses' training.

The proposals, which would mean the 60,000 students would no longer count as NHS Nursing staff during their first two years, would replace the complex mesh of qualifications and training with a three-year course leading to specialist qualification.

Nurse training would gradually develop closer links with colleges of further and higher education. Conversion from, say general nursing to midwifery, or mental handicap or health visiting, would be easier and quicker because courses would be less repetitive.

The proposals, which the board says should involve no extra cost after the phasing-in period, are to be circulated to the health service for comment.

The plans are less radical than those proposed last month by the Royal College of Nursing, which said that sweeping changes were needed to end the appalling drop-out rate among student nurses and to provide better and safer patient care. But they contain broadly similar ideas of closer links with academic education and less service work in the early years.

Like the college, the board says there is a "crisis" in nurse training, with the demands and stress the NHS places on student nurses, by having them actually work on the wards from the start of training, becoming increasingly incompatible with proper training and education.

It proposes that there should be a common core of training, particularly in the first year.

Dr Eve Bendall, the board's chief executive said it could see that the Royal College's proposal for a complete tie-up with colleges of further and higher education might be achievable in perhaps 15 years. "But we would want to see how it works first and let it proceed a its own pace"

# Classified documents found at Tube station

By Our Defence Correspondent

The Post Office was last night investigating the loss of a sack of mail containing classified naval documents. It was found lying in a puddle outside Warren Street underground station in London by three youths.

The most likely explanation appears to be that it fell from a Post Office vehicle. It is understood that a driver was being interviewed by officials last night.

The 4ft grey bag was found by the youths at about 11pm on Tuesday. They took it home and examined the contents before taking it to the Press Association office in Fleet Street. It included documents, computer tapes and blueprints marked with security classifications. One sheaf of papers apparently dealt with operator instructions for a guided weapon. Another discussed security problems at military installations.

It is thought that the material was "restricted" or "classified", the two lowest levels of security classification. It was being despatched to the naval establishment at Devonport.

The Ministry of Defence said that the documents were in transit by the Royal Mail, and there was no reason to believe that the Ministry's regulations had been breached.

# Left and right join to stop union merger

By David Felton, Labour Correspondent

A merger between two key civil service unions was dropped yesterday after an unusual alliance between Trotskyists and right-wingers defeated proposals to create a new 230,000-member Whitehall union.

The Civil and Public Services Association (CSPA), the largest white-collar union in government departments, voted at its annual conference in Brighton not to merge with the third largest union because it was regarded as being dominated by the "bosses".

The CPSA, which has 150,000 members, mainly in the low-paid clerical grades, was seeking a merger with the Society of Civil and Public Servants (SCPS) representing about 85,000 members in the executive grades, who act as supervisers for clerical workers.

Voting at the CPSA conference was 86,181 to 58,981 against the merger. Mr Alistair Graham, the union's moderate General Secretary, who had supported the merger, accused the Militant Tendency of being responsible for blocking amalgamation.

He said that most political groupings within the union were split on the issue, "but one group that stayed pretty solid was the Militant Tendency, whose opposition was totally cynical about their future effectiveness in the civil service trade union movement. I shall not easily forgive them."

Mrs Kate Losinska the CPSA President, said there had be animosity between the union and the SCPS in recent years over industrial action but she did not feel ashamed at joining forces with Miliant Tendency to defeat the merger.

The vote at the conference, she said, represented the views of the CPSA membership, which was concerned about joining forces with the union which represented office managers.

Moves are likely to be made to open amalgamation talks between the SCPS and the Civil Service Union.

## Aftermath of the Bradford disaster

# Safety survey on all clubs

By Philip Webster, Political Reporter

Surveyors were appointed yesterday to examine the safety requirements for football league clubs. They will report on the scale and cost of the necessary action to a new top-level working party within two or three weeks. All 92 league clubs are to be visited to see whether their fire precautions are adequate.

The move was ordered after a meeting between the Prime Minister and the Football Trust at Downing Street, which discussed last Saturday's fire tragedy at Bradford City and ways of implementing improvements demanded by the Government at all third and fourth division clubs.

The working party, to be chaired by Mr Neil Macfarlane, the Minister for Sport, will include members of the Sports Council, football authorities and the Football Trust, which administers through the Football Grounds Improvement Trust the spending of money on ground improvements.

Its aim is to make all grounds safe by the start of the next football season in August.

Government sources emphasized yesterday that the Prime Minister had still made no commitment of Government money before the Macfarlane committee has established what funds are available from within the game, including money from television and the pools companies.

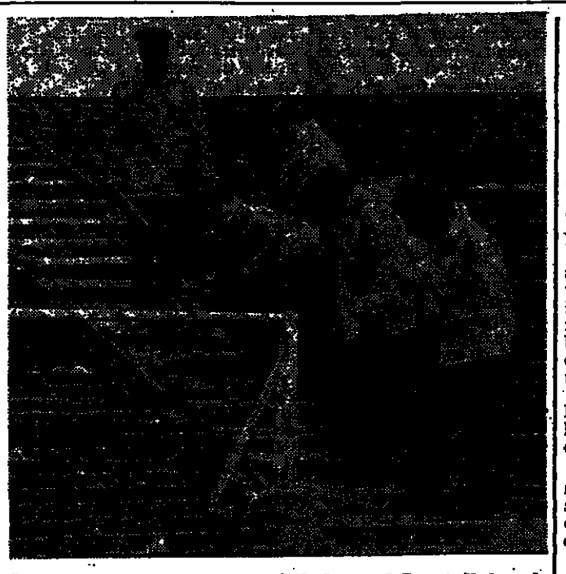
It emerges last night that one idea under consideration is a redistribution of Football Trust income from the richer to the poorer clubs.

The trust spends more than £1 million a year helping clubs with between 35 and 40 per cent of their police charges. The bigger clubs benefit most because their crowds are larger and police charges higher. The possibility of switching that sum to help pay for ground improvements is understood to be favoured by ministers. The effect would be that the bigger clubs would have to meet the police charges themselves.

The 37 third and fourth division clubs not designated, and thus required to have a safety certificate, under the 1975 Safety of Sports Grounds Act will be visited by Football Trust surveyors.

Yesterday's 75-minute meeting with the Prime Minister was attended by Lord Aberdare, chairman of the Football Trust, Mr Tom Wharton, chairman of the improvement trust, Mr Macfarlane and Mr Giles Shaw, Minister of State at the Home Office.

Although trust leaders believe that Government assistance will be required to bring all the clubs up to standard, because the £7 million a year available to the trust will clearly be insufficient, it was agreed yesterday to await the surveyors' reports before deciding on the method of financing.



Investigations into the Bradford fire, which began on Sunday (above) were continuing yesterday as forensic scientists examine virtually every particle of debris among the charred roof timbers and metal skeletons in 'G' block at the Valley Parade football ground where the fire started (Rupert Morris writes).

It is assumed that all the bodies have been removed but mistakes of identification are still possible.

Divisional Officer John Arundale, senior fire prevention officer of North Yorkshire Fire Brigade believes that it could take several months to establish the cause of the fire and even then there may be more than one possibility.

After the debris has been sifted, carefully studied and removed much of it is taken for closer examination to the Home Office forensic science laboratory in Wetherby.

Meanwhile police will be considering the latest eye-witness reports, one of which emerged yesterday from Mr Czes Pachela, aged 29, who escaped the fire with his daughter, Joanne, aged 5, in his arms.

Mr Pachela told the police he believed one of a group of older men had put out a cigarette in a plastic cup, and he remebers smelling burning polystyrene.

This latest evidence conflicts with earlier theories that the fire might have been started by a smoke bomb. (Photograph: Bill Warhurst).

# Judge looks for lessons from rugby and cricket

By Craig Seton

The inquiry into safety and crowd control by Mr Justice Popplewell will extend to rugby grounds and possibly cricket grounds and Wimbledon to see how they have avoided problems associated with football matches.

Mr Justice Popplewell, who has examined the burnt-out stand at Bradford City where 52 people died as a result of Saturday's fire, spent yesterday at Birmingham City, scene of violent rioting on the same day when a boy aged 15 died under a collapsed wall.

The judge said: "One does not want to be complacent about cricket and rugby but the published evidence is that they are less of a problem and that must have some message."

At St Andrews football ground, the judge examined the remains of a 12ft high perimeter wall which collapsed as fans pushed to leave the ground, trapping Ian Handbridge. Yesterday, three cars were still crushed beneath the rubble.

Mr Justice Popplewell said that he would not have taken a child to a football match where such things happened. "It is a dreadful sight to see at any public place. Bradford was dreadful to behold – Birmingham is upsetting in a different way."

A dossier alleging that extreme right-wingers among Leeds United supporters were involved in Saturday's riot at Birmingham City, is to be presented to the judge by Mr Denis Howell, Labour's sports spokesman and MP for Birmingham Small Heath.

● The police made a nationwide appeal yesterday for witnesses when the inquest on Ian Hambridge, from St James' Park Road, Northampton, opened and adjourned.

● The inquest on the people who died at Bradford is to be opened by the Bradford coroner, Mr James Turnbull, tomorrow. A full list of those on whom the inquest will be held is to be issued today.

● Vandals tried to set fire to a £50,000 300-seat football stand at Fareham, Hampshire, by lighting paper under seats yesterday. The blaze did not catch hold.

● European sports ministers at a two-day meeting in Lisbon are expected to debate spectator violence and safety today.

# Cup Final checks at Wembley

Wembley Stadium, where the FA Cup Final will be played on Saturday, is to have fire and safety checks today, the Greater London Council said yesterday (Michael Horsnell writes). The council is the licencing authority which grants Wembley a certificate under the Safety of Sports Grounds Act, 1975.

The council is also drawing up a priority list of sports grounds in London, including Wimbledon, home of the All England Lawn Tennis Club.

None of these three is designated under the Act as a ground requiring a sagety certificate.

The inspection at Wembley will be carried out by electrical, construction and fire experts. Mr Simon Turney, chairman of the GLC public service and fire brigade committee, said that complete safety for the 100,000 fans had to be ensured.

The GLC will attend to Wimbledon, Lord's and The Oval from next week after concluding its inspection this week of all Football League grounds in London. Greyhound racing stadia are also likely to be inspected.

Grandstands at Wimbledon and the cricket grounds are built of steel and concrete

● The Fire Brigades Union gave unanimous backing to a resolution from its executive council calling for government legislation, powers and resources to protect the public from the hazards of fire.

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# Breath test ruling 'a Catch 22'

A High Court ruling on the use of police breath test machines has left motorists in a "Catch 22" predicament, lawyers said yesterday.

They were commenting after a ruling by Mr Justice Kennedy that print-outs from the Lion Intoximeter 3000 breath test machine would automatically be believed by courts unless evidence of a fault in the machine was produced.

The "Catch 22" element of his ruling was that motorists have no right to see the evidence

The judge said that only if the machine's memory roll, log and servicing records were produced, could its accuracy be challenged.

But the lawyers pointed out that there is no obligation for the police to disclose such information.

The judge was ruling on the case of Mr Beverley Ellis who was cleared of driving with excess alcohol by magistrates at Sevenoaks, Kent, when police were unable to produce expert evidence that an Intoximeter worked properly.

Mr Justice Kennedy, allowing a police appeal, said ther magistrates must continue hearing the case against Mr Ellis.

# Newspaper group buys Shah share

The Portsmouth and Sunderland newspaper group is to take a £500,000 stake in News (UK) Ltd, the company set up by Mr Eddie Shah to launch a new national newspaper.

Sir Richard Storey, the chairman, said the investment of loan stock, which could be converted to give the group five per cent of the equity, would give access to new technology, such as facsimile transmission of colour and full-page composition, which Mr Shah intends to introduce.

● High Court moves by *The Mirror* to have the editor of *The Sun* and its publishers' managing director for alleged contempt of court have been delayed until at least Monday because of late delivery of legal documents.

Mirror Group Newspapers are seeking to have *The Sun's* editor, Mr Kelvin McKenzie, and News Group Newspapers' managing director, Mr Bruce Matthews, jailed or fined for allegedly breaking a High Court injunction granted last Thursday.

The order banned *The Sun* for using extracts from a book about the killing of the former *Playboy* model Dorothy Stratten, which is being serialized in *The Mirror*.

# Alarm over computer staff gap

The shortage of computer staff in Britain is now "alarming" and expected to get worse, Mr Tom King, Secretary of State for Employment, has said. Mr King attacked the strategy of most firms which were simply attempting to poach staff

Long-term skill shortages are in danger of becoming a permanent feature of this country's computer-based industries, Mr King told an award ceremony in London at ADM, a computer training company.

# Berni Inns fined £1,500

Berni Inns, the catering firm, was fined £1,500 at Wood Green crown court yesterday for overcharging for soft drinks by dishonest staff in the Swiss Cottage public house, Hampstead, in March 1983.

Mr Eric Hill, the manager at the time, was fined £300.

# Pipes stolen

Thieves, who removed slates and dropped through the roof into the House of Pipes museum at Bramber, West Sussex, yesterday stole more than 400 rare German pipes, worth £100,000.

# Concern grows over lost inventions

By Pearce Wright, Science Editor

Fears are growing that more discoveries or inventions made in British Universities will be exploited by foreign industry.

Sir David Phillips, professor of molecular biophysics at Oxford University and chairman of the Advisory Board for the Research Councils has expressed anxiety that the development of NMR Imaging, the method of taking pictures of the body without recourse to X-rays and of making biochemical examinations without taking biopsies, will be added to the list of missed opportunities.

He supports new arrangements allowing universities and scientists to exploit commercially the discoveries made in academic research.

The change has been introduced mainly to remedy the fact that these discoveries are more likely to be taken up by American or Japanese companies than those in the United Kingdom.

Recent lost discoveries include the development of monoclonal antibodies by Dr César Milstein's team at the Medical Research Council's molecular biology laboratory in Cambridge. The development of new treatments for a variety of diseases employing monoclonals is in progress among pharmaceutical companies inthe United States, Japan and Europe. Newer companies specializing in biotechnology of genetic engineering are also using them.

The discovery of new electronic materials by Professor Walter Spear and Dr Peter LeComber, of Dundee University, has also been exploited in the US and Japan.

The scientists' research into the properties of amorphous semiconductors (non-crystalline material) has been used for producing cheap solar cells.

One of the pioneers of industrial robots, Professor Meredith Thring, who began his work before the advent of microchips, had his ideas rejected in Britain. They are now in international demand.

The Times overseas selling prices
Austria Sch 29; Belgium B frs 60; Canada $0.75; Canaries Pas 170; Cyprus 70 cents; Denmark Dkr 9.00; Finland Mk 9.00; France Frs 8.00; Germany Dm 3.50; Greece Dr 120; Holland Gl 3.50; Irish Republic 40p; Italy L 2400; Luxembourg Lf 35; Madeira Esc 150; Morocco Dh 9.00; Norway kr 9.00; Pakistan Rps 15; Portugal Esc 150; Singapore $5.50; Spain Pes 170; Sweden Skr 9.00; Switzerland S Frs 3.00; Tunisia Dm 800; USA $1.75; Yugoslavia Din 350

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# Animal experiments law proposals greeted with praise and condemnation

By Pearce Wright, Science Editor

New laws on animal experiments, to overhaul regulations introduced 109 years ago, were proposed yesterday by the Home Office.

They were welcomed by moderate animal welfare organizations, whose recommendations for reducing suffering and the numbers of experiments were embraced in framing the new controls.

An attack on the proposals came from animal rights and anti-vivisectionist groups, who called them, "a vivisectionists' charter".

In particular, Mr Brian Gunn, general secretary of the National Anti- Vivisection Society, claimed that "despite public pressure, experiments on animals to test cosmetics, weed-killers, household products, tobacco and its substitutes would continue unabated".

Introducing the White Paper, *Scientific Procedures on Living Animals*, Mr David Mellor, Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State at the Home Office, said: "One of the tests of a civilized society is its treatment of animals."

*With the development* of alternatives to tests on animals the number of experiments in the United Kingdom fell from 5.6 million in 1971 to 3.6 million in 1983.

Mr Mellor said there was scope for improvement, and the proposed Bill was only a starting point.

It would hasten the day when there would be no more Draize tests (an irritant test which involves puting drops in the eyes of rabbits) and LD50 toxicity tests, which measure the amount of substance fed to animals that kills 50 per cent of them.

The proposed law contains 20 important revisions to the Cruelty to Animals Act, 1876.

A stricter system of licensing will replace the scheme under which any person whom the Home Secretary may think qualified can obtain a licence to experiment.

The intention is to introduce a personal *licence and a project* licence. The first specifies that an individual is competent in authorized experimental techniques and in handling certain species of animal.

The project licence questions whether a planned test is necessary, and it will examine whether the work is properly *designed, whorthwhile* and makes no unnecessary use of animals.

The new controls are designed to take the pain and distress of an animal into account in a wider way than considered previously. There is no statutory limit on the infliction of pain in the old legislation.

Permitted levels of severity will be set in advance for each project, and graded in three bands. Each procedure will be graded and controlled in advance by the project licence.

The White Paper seeks to clear misconceptions gained from an earlier version of the *document published in May* 1983, which fell by the wayside because of the general election.

One proposal had been misinterpreted as a means of allowing animals given an anaesthetic to recover so that they could be used again. That was not the intention.

Another concerns procedures performed for the acquisition of surgical skill. Generations of surgeons and veterinary surgeons have been trained without practising on live animals, and the Government says it intends that this should continue.

The sole exception is microsurgery, which involves operations performed with miniature instruments under a microscope to repair, for example blood vessels and nerves. Those procedures are recognized as special problems under the new measures.

The new law would be more detailed than the old controls, which said only that all living *vertebrates would be protected.* Licences will be required to justify the choice of species, and the use of non-human primates, dogs, cats and the horse family will need additional authority.

Protection is extended to the foetuses of mammals and the embryonic or larval young of other vertebrates from specified stages of development.

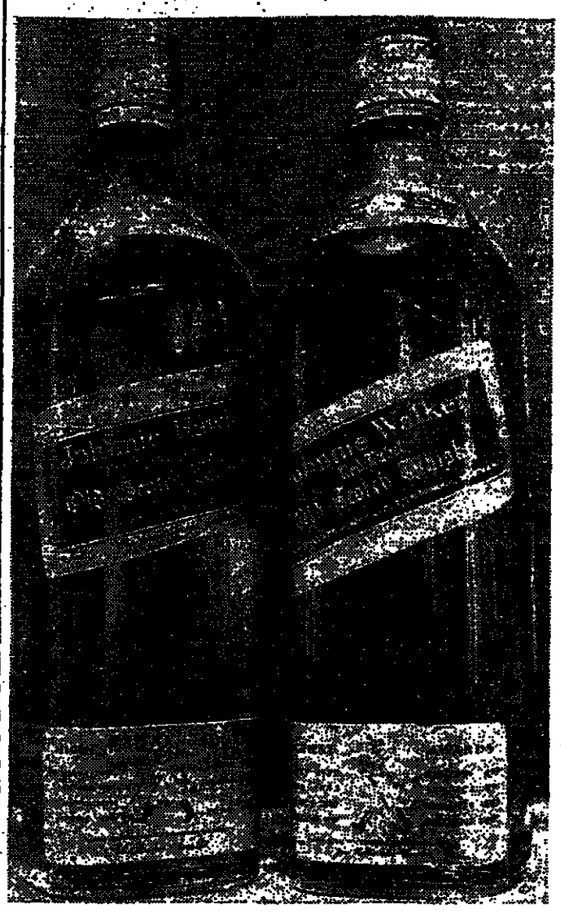
On the source of animals, all animals used for research purposes must come from registered breeding or supplying establishments. The use of stray dogs and cats will be prohibited.

● The British Union for the Abolition of Vivisection said in a statement that the proposals *were a confidence trick.*

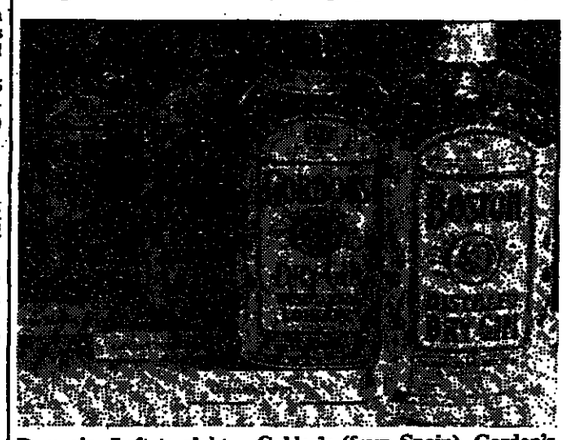
Legislation based on them would fail to prohibit any areas of experimentation, and would be restricted.

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# Products designed to deceive



Spot the differences: Johnnie Walker "a product of Scotland" and (left) Johnnie Hawker, its imitator, "a product of quality". The lists of awards and the striding figure are also different. (Photographs: Bill Warhurst)



Rum gin: Left to right – Golder's (from Spain), Garden's (Ethiopia) Gordon's (the real thing) and Boston gins

By Patricia Clough

**"World-famous" car jacks that collapse, "reputable" brakes that fail at the first emergency, "designer" jeans that shrivel up in the wash, £8 bottles of "vintage" wine containing plonk. The world is full of imitations and the Design Centre in Haymarket opened an exhibition yesterday to draw attention to them.**

**About £60 billion, or one sixth of world trade, is said to be in counterfeit products. For British firms it can mean lost jobs, profits or reputations.**

**In dimly-lit bars of Denmark, Iran or Indonesia there may be square whisky bottles with the familiar diagonal label. Few people can spot that upside down behind the bar the bottles read "Johnnie Hawker", "lucky Johnnie Walk" or "Old Scotch Whisky". To an Ethiopian or a Moroccan, "Gardens", "Gord's" or "Boston Gin", with a familiar yellow label, may appear no different from Gordons.**

**Much of the piracy begins in Britain, such as the Merseyside where 40,000 bottles of cheap French wine which were being labelled Pouilly Fuissé were found.**

**But much of it comes from abroad, particularly Taiwan and South Korea. Mrs Joy Willcox, whose firm, Sari Fabrics, produces attractive oven gloves in the shape of fish, crocodiles or chef's heads, was presented with a catalogue of her own products by a Taiwanese manufacturer at a trade fair and asked which products she wanted. She could choose whatever label and country-of-origin marking she wanted.**

**Mrs Willcox, who does nearly £3 million of business each year, is expecting to spend about £30,000 this year in lawyers and industrial spies around the world, tracking down and prosecuting pirates.**

**The MK electrical company, Stanley tools and other reputable firms see foreign markets being spoiled by cheap imitations which not only reduce business and jobs, but being inferior, ruin the company's reputation.**

**In Britain, about 27,000 counterfiet car components and 100,000 items of counterfeit packaging were seized and destroyed last year.**

**The Merseyside authorities alone have seized about £250,000 of imitation products over the past four years. Cheap pirated Beatles cassettes, Lacoste T-shirts, Wrangler jeans and other popular clothing are particularly successful**

# Court questions for duke 'not from prurient motives'

Searching questions about the Duke of Devonshire's private life and the woman friends, young and old, to whom he gave money as presents were not put out of prurient curiosity, Judge Hazan QC said at the Central Criminal Court

The duke was *questioned in* order to establish that three cheques taken from his London home had been forged and had not been made out by him as gifts to women, Judge Hazan told the jury as he began summing up in the trial of three men.

One of the accused, Andrew Shellis, had informed a bank manager that cheques purporting to have been signed by the duke for sums totalling £150,000 were to be used to finance a restaurant and disco which Mr Shellis was opening in Harrow.

Mr Shellis had also claimed that the cheques came "from a relative of a notable person" and that he believed they had originated from the duke to pay for a flat, furniture and paintings for a lady friend of the duke.

The jury is expected to retire today to consider verdicts in the trial of Mr Shellis, aged 43, a hairdresser, of Northolt Road, Harrow, Peter Callaghan, aged 26, a bar manager, of Leicester Street, Westminster, son of the duke's former butler, and Heraklis "Ricky" Kouzoupis, aged 31, a businessman, of Hereford Road, Acton.

Mr Callaghan denies stealing three cheques from the duke's house in Chesterfield Street, Mayfiar, in August 1983. Mr Shellis and Mr Kouzoupis plead not guilty to passing two of the cheques for £61,000 and trying to cash the third for a further £89,000.

Judge Hazan said that the duke fortunately did not lose a penny because his bank covered the £61,000 loss. The duke had been told by his bank that the money would not be covered unless he made a complaint to the police.

At the time the cheques were passed through Mr Shellis's account, he had a £40,000 overdraft and owed a further £5,000 to American Express.

# Pit strike police 'went berserk'

From Our Correspondent, Sheffield

Police went "completely berserk" when they charged striking miners outside the Orgreave coking plant, in South Yorkshire, last summer, a court was told yesterday.

Mr Michael Mansfield, appearing for three of 15 men accused of riotous assembly, told Sheffield Crown court that an incident seen by millions of television viewers of a policeman beating picket about the head with a truncheon was not an isolated case. He said: "The officers on foot went completely berserk."

Earlier, Mr Tony Clement, former Assistant Chief Constable of South Yorkshire, described scenes outside the plant on June 18 at "possibly the most serious incidents of public disorder in this country, this century".

Mr Clement, who was in charge of police operations at Orgreave, said he deplored the truncheon incident. It was reported to the Director of Public Prosecutions, the court was told, but no officer had been prosecuted.

Concerning the use of police horses, Mr Clement said: "There was no cavalry charge. "The reason I used horses was to disperse a riotous crowd who were injuring my officers."

The 15 accused, from South Yorkshire, the North-east, Scotland and South Wales, deny riotous assembly. The trial continues today.

# Boy's 'freak' death after scuffle

A boy, aged 14, died from shock after being punched on the nose during a classroom scuffle, an inquest in Stoke-on-Trent was told yesterday. The death of Anthony Holland, of Lilleshall Road, Longton, Stoke-on-Trent, was a freak occurrence, Dr John Brown, a Home Office pathologist, told the hearing.

The boy died in a classroom at Longton High School last Thursday lunchtime. It is understood he had been in an argument with another boy over a pencil case. Dr Brown, who carried out the post-mortem examination, said death was due to shock caused by neck and spinal injuries.

"The degree of violence was trivial", he said.

Police interviewed another *boy aged 14 in connection with* the incident and a file has been sent to the Director of Public Prosecutions.

Mr John Wain, coroner for North Staffordshire, adjourned the inquest pending a decision by the DDP.

# Child fell through car window

A boy aged six has died of multiple injuries after falling through the side window of a Land Rover driven by is father.

Police said Jamin Darue Robbins was asleep on a tea chest when the nearside rear window was either broken or blown out, shortly before midnight on Tuesday en the M5 near the Clevedon turn-off, Avon.

The vehicle driven by the boy's father, Jonathan Robbins, aged 28,, of Little Petherick, Wadebridge, Cornwall, was towing a laden four-wheeled trailer from Felixstowe.

Earlier, the Land Rover's windscreen had been smashed by a stone. Police said there was speculation that the side window was blown out by air pressure.

● *The* long-established procedure in the event of a windscreen being smashed is to remove as much of the glass as possible, close the remaining windows to reduce the amount of air rushing through the open windscreen and proceed slowly.

# Shell cases 'could have been plant'

A corporal in the Royal Scots, accused of murdering three soldiers in an Army payroll robbery, claimed yesterday that cartridge cases found beside the victims could have been planted.

Cpl Andrew Walker, aged 31, told the High Court in Edinburgh: "They would only link me with the killings if I had done the killings. I never did the killings. If they were military cases, they probably have been planted."

He denies murder and robbery. It is alleged he shot retired Major David Cunningham, aged 56, Staff Sergeant Terence Hosker, aged 39, and Private John Thomson, aged 25, and robbed them of £19,000 on January 17, somewhere between Penicuik and Flotterstone Glen, Midlothian.

Lord Cameron, the Lord Advocate, for the prosecution said the cases and bullets recovered from the body of Sergeant Hosker were fired by a *9mm sub-machine-gun* which Corporal Walker signed out of an Army camp armoury on the day of the killings.

Cpl Walker said that he left the gun in the camp on the morning of the killings.

The trial continues today.

# Tribulations of women drivers

**Too many garage staff treat women car drivers as "semi-literate, half-intelligent morons" when they present cars for servicing, it was claimed yesterday.**

**Ronald Sewell and Associates, the Bath-based motor trade consultants, interviewed a variety of women motorists and were shocked by responses such as: "I was treated with great disdain", or "My basic level of intelligence was put in doubt" or "he did not really listen to me."**

**Another frequent cause of complaint was the dirty and often disgusting conditon in which cars were returned after service. One said: "I ruined a beautiful white jacket: It is probably my fault however. I should have realized that the car would be dirty. It always is."**

**The survey, which is being circulated to garages in Sewell's monthly guide on car servicing, discloses that the repeated breaking of promises about when cars would be ready particularly irritated women. They felt they were being accorded low priority.**

**Sewell comments: "There is no reason for this. Their money is as good as anyone else's. In fact it is better."**

# BBC's independent soap opera deal

By David Hewson, Arts Correspondent

BBC Television has signed its first contract with an independent producer to make a soap opera, raising the prospect of a shift away from in-house productions.

The show, called *Impact*, will be about international publishing, and will be shot throughout Europe. It was thought up by Hazel Adair who created the BBC 1960s series *Compact.*

The corporation's partners in the venture will be the Limehouse Productions, which has been nurturing the idea for two years, and two Continental companies.

The BBC is under some political pressure to use independent companies, which were created by the arrival of Channel 4 and are generally regarded as cheaper than both BBC and ITV productions.

The Peat Marwick report on BBC efficiency recommended the corporation study the operating costs of independent producers. The Channel 4 soap opera *Brookside* is generally thought to cost half the amount of the BBC's *Eastenders.*

But trade unions, particularly the Association of Cinematography, Television and Allied Technicians, have said they will not allow the independent companies to take away work from in-house production departments.

# Curb urged on private forestry

By Ronald Faux

The favourable tax treatment of woodland development should be withdrawn from private forestry companies that fail to conform with planting and management schemes, Mr David Nickson, chairman of the Countryside Commission for Scotland, said yesterday, when *the commission's annual report* was published in Glasgow.

He said that forestry would be the dominating countryside issue in Scotland for the next decade as the farming return from marginal land and the sporting value from grouse shooting both declined.

"Far more hill land will be available for trees. Unless the management companies are immensely sensitive to public opinion we may see a forestry backlash

"I am against controls in the countryside but unless the management companies behave more sensitively and pay more attention than they have in the past, this will be the inevitable outcome", he said.

# Don's gift is upheld as charitable

A £107,500 bequest by Sir Heinz Koeppler, a history don at Oxford University, to an international conference centre which was his life's work was upheld as valid in the Court of Appeal yesterday.

The court allowed an appeal against a High Court judge's ruling in December, 1983, that the work of the centre, Wilton Park, now housed at Wiston House, Steyning, West Sussex, was not for charitable purposes and that therefore, in law, the intended charitable gift set out in Sir Heinz's will could not be put into effect.

# Man hit dog with machete

a telephone engineer who attacked his neighbour's alsatian dog with a machete because of its barking was fined £350 yesterday for cruelty and ordered to pay £15 compensation to its owner, Mr Jim Daniels.

Mr Sidney Jamieson, aged 49, of Roselands Close, Fair Oak, Hampshire, told Eastleigh Magistrates Court that he had been driven to distraction after months of day and night barking. The bitch was put down because of its injuries and Mr. Daniels has acquired another alsatian.



A pink, shiny straw hat with egret feathers, by Frederick Fox, featured in a Harrods fashion show yesterday. (Photograph: Harry Kerr).

# Airlines may recruit pilots abroad

By Michael Baily, Transport Editor

**Britain faces an acute shortage of airline pilots to handle a predicted expansion in air travel. It may need to recruit abroad to keep its airlines going, a leading flight instructor said yesterday.**

**British Airways, which employs 2,100 pilots and has 12% recruited for 10 years during a period of slump and cutback, has appointed a senior training captain to look at the problem.**

**"We recognize that we shall need to recruit several hundred new pilots a year before the end of the decade and are studying the best ways of doing it", the *airline said.***

**At the Oxford Air training School, Europe's biggest, only three of 200 pilots due to graduate this year are British and none is sponsored by an airline.**

**Mr Colin Beckwith, the school's general manager, said: Britian is likely to follow the United States in *suddenly* facing a shortage of young pilots, and the problem will be not only finding them but training them."**

**British Airways has closed its flying training school at Hamble, Hampshire, and there is only one other British school, at Perth.**

**Although airline pilots have a glamorous job, earning up to £50,000 a year before retiring at 55, there is less interest among young people, Mr Beckwith says.**

**Airlines and the Royal Air Force, which 15 years ago received *about 10,000 applications* a year, now have only 3,500.**

**The shortage has arisen from the airline slump of a few years ago, coupled with more automated flight decks.**

# Train driver was drunk

Magistrates at Wallington, Surrey, yesterday found Stephen Rowlands, aged 26, of *Station Approach, Coulsdon,* guilty of being drunk in charge of a train, missing stations and having a friend in his cab.

Sentence on Rowlands, who had denied the charge, was postponed until June 8.


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Union advice to Government ● Industrial policy unchanged

# Scanlon warning of backlash to policy of confronting unions

## UNION BALLOTS

Trade unionists should be allowed a secret ballot, properly supervised and monitored, to decide whether government or trade unions determined the rules under which the unions operated and the TUC would abide by the result whichever way it went, **Lord Murray of Epping Forest**, former General Secretary of the TUC, said during a debate in the House of Lords on union balloting procedures.

I would like to believe (he said) that since legislation is claimed to be designed at restoration of freedom to union members, that they should control their affairs and do so voluntarily, and that other members will join me in urging this on the Government.

**Lord Rochester** (L) opening the debate, said until recently the National Union of Mineworkers had been much admired for its democratic processes. Now it appeared its leaders were seeking to alter the rule book to ensure the president did not have to submit himself for reelection at all.

In these circumstances (he said) I believe the time has come for procedures relating to the election of chief executive officers of all trade unions to be brought within the law as in the case of voting for members of union governing bodies.

It was for the unions to put their own house in order, but judging from what had and had not happened during the last year and from the inaction of the TUC policy committee, it appeared more legislation needed to be enacted to protect union members from abuse.

**Lord Boyd-Carpenter** (C) said if there were to be ballots it was essential they should be conducted fairly and in a way that was seen and recognized as fair. Ballots which were fiddled or suspected of being fiddled, were worse than no ballots at all.

**Lord Murray of Epping Forest** said the subject would not have been debated unless unions were widely perceived as models of democracy. For the unions, democracy was not a matter for debate, it was a matter for practice.

High standards were expected and the decision to re-run the ballot for leadership of the TGWU was to be commended.

I hope that there will be a publication of the results branch by branch (he said). I see no reason whatever why that should not be done and I hope that it will be.

Unions would work far better if left to voluntary practice rather than governed by legislation. The TUC had sorted out and prevented a number of disputes that no learned judge could have understood let alone dealt with.

**Lord Denning** (Ind) said there were infinite ways of ballot-rigging unless there was proper scrutiny and control. Last year's statute did nothing about it. There should be guidelines as to how a ballot was to be conducted and independent scrutineers to see that it was conducted properly.

Postal ballots would be better. They were much more difficult to rig than the others. But why not have a code of practice? It could be drawn up perhaps by consultation between the TUC and the Department of Trade or whatever it might be: a code to say how these ballots were to be conducted and how there was to be an independent scrutiny to see that the ballot really represented the votes and feelings of the members.

**Lord Chapple** (Ind), former General Secretary of the Electrical, Electronic, Telecommunications and Plumbing Union, said each vested interest had its own self-perpetuating practices, but it flew in the face of all logic to claim, as some did, that fairer, easier, simpler, cost-free postal ballots would weaken trade unions.

It was understandable that those who manipulated or could see that the present chaotic state of union ballots advantaged them should not wish to change them. They feared that honest ballots would radically change the power structure that



**Scanlon: Muscle the order of the day**

currently imprisoned thousands of ordinary trade unionists. Such an attitude was not in keeping with the democratic traditions of the Labour movement or of the trade unions.

It was essential not only that there was a second ballot for a new general secretary of the TGWU but that the details of branch votes should be published branch by branch. Stronger cardboard boxes at polling stations and the supervision of the ballot by union officers committed to one or other of the candidates were not enough.

The TGWU (he went on) is the largest union in the land. We depend on it for the sort of leadership that the Labour Party provides for this country both in political terms of its leadership and in policy. It is vital that the people who speak on behalf of the members of that union speak beyond argument for the views of the members and not a view that can be challenged in some form or other.

He hoped and believed that if there was the slightest doubt about even this second ballot for the TGWU leadership it would be done again until the whole membership and the movement was satisfied that it had been conducted properly.

**Lord Houghton of Sowerby** (Lab) said they should not embark upon amending legislation to the 1984 Act at present. They should not expect the unions to solve all their problems by themselves but should provide a satisfactory, comprehensive and intelligent advisory service to meet the requirements of particular unions so that they could get their procedures right.

**Lord Scanlon** (Lab), a member of the TUC General Council from 1968 to 1978, said he was completely in favour of secret ballots. The danger was not that the trade unions would take industrial action based on some fiddling of a ballot but that they would be so apprehensive about the legal minefield that was being laid down for them, that they would not even dare to go along the line that maybe their members desired.

In four years the Government had introduced three separate Bills. All three sought to establish a neutered, innocuous trade union movement. This was essential to the wellbeing of an economy based upon market forces.

This policy of confrontation and continually attacking the trade union movement was going to have awful backlash. It was no good appealing to trade union officials as they were appealed to in the 1960s and 1970s to be calm, not to use their muscle and to get round the table. All these things were now being operated in reverse. Political and industrial muscle was the order of the day. He regretted it.

The strength of the trade union movement was measured by the spirit, conviction and determination of the membership. When that was put to the test, as it was now, the backlash would come if this policy of confrontation continued.

If postal ballots were so democratic, why did they not have them for parliamentary and municipal elections? The answer lay in the fact that it was not what was most democratic but what was likely to give the result that most people opposed to the trade union movement desired.

**Lord Aylestone** (SDP) said trade unions were not above the law and it was regrettable there were still within the movement, even at top level, those who felt that immunity from the law was an entitlement of the trade union movement.

**Lord Belstead**, the Government spokesman, said the Government had demonstrated once and for all that far from having no place in industrial relations, the law stood at the very centre and heart of the matter.

The Government's view is that postal ballots are far and away the best means of conducting elections (he said)

While there was a powerful presumption in favour of postal ballots, workplace ballots were subject to stringent safeguards.

We have introduced legislation (he said) which puts the ballot box in place of strife and when the full provisions come into force in the autumn, I believe they will operate not only with the overwhelming support of the country at large, but also with the whole hearted support and endorsement of trade union members.

### New peer

**Lord Silkin of Dulwich**, formerly Mr Samuel Silkin, Labour MP for Dulwich and Attorney General from 1974 to 1979, was introduced in the House of Lords.

# Cutting inflation still heart of strategy

## NEW TECHNOLOGY

An assertion that the Government did not believe in Britain as a manufacturing economy was made by Mr John Smith, chief Opposition spokesman on trade and industry, when he opened the Commons debate on British industry and the new technologies.

The serious decline in the capacity, competitiveness and effectiveness of industry had been sharply accentuated, if not caused, by Government policy or lack of policy towards industry since 1979. The consequences of this neglect were dire, he said.

Mr Smith was moving an Opposition motion deploring the Government's wilful neglect of British manufacturing industry which had caused continuous erosion of the industrial base, record unemployment and the huge, unprecedented trade deficit in manufactured goods.

The motion called for a programme of industrial regeneration based on new technology. It also urged the development of new products and processes, adequate investment for industry, research and development and a massive expansion of education and training.

Mr Smith said investment in manufacturing industries was still 25 per cent below the 1979 level. Manufacturing output was far from reaching the level of that year, too.

The importance of information technology could hardly be underestimated. It was the key to the new products and processes of the future and had importance for traditional industries as well as for new industries, some of which might be beyond present imagination.

Labour rejected the idea of a false distinction between sunrise and sunset industries. The crucial question was whether they could be renewed or not.

The writer of the leader in *The Times* for that day should read the Ashworth report and he seemed also not to have noticed the trade deficit.

Companies were running into shortages of labour scientists and technicians and others at all levels. That was true of a much wider range of British industry than the information technology sector. They road of Labour being difficult to find even in traditional industries.

In view of what the Government had done to training boards and skill centres, they could not be surprised when companies seeking to expand collided immediately with labour shortage. A great deal of the responsibility for that lay with the Government.

Industrial strategy had to be planned and would not happen spontaneously. Three crucial engines of that recovery which would be at the heart of any intelligent industrial strategy would be new policies for investment; for education and training, and for research and development.

We know that the City has failed to provide for the investment needs of British industry (he went on) especially at the high technology, high risk end. In too many cases we have a refusal by the City and its institutions to provide adequate finance. We suffer grievously from lack of an industrial banking system.

That is why the Labour Party urges the creation of a national investment bank which could invest in industry on a timescale and a basis which will secure the investment our industry needs to re-equip, particularly in new technology. (Conservative interruptions)

The Conservative objection is because they think the City provides adequately for the needs of British industry and that there is no need for the state to provide an institution such as the Labour Party proposes.

They should listen to Mr Nicholas Edwards, Secretary of State for Wales, who had said on March 9 about the City that there was a prejudiced ignorance and lack of awareness of what was happening in the industrial world outside the narrow confines of their experience.

Mr Edwards had played himself into the position of centre forward. (Laughter). In research and development, the notion of Government non-involvement was particularly absurd. It was left to market forces at present and was not happening.

In the destruction of the apprenticeship system and the whole apparatus of industrial training, the Government had done one of the greatest disservices out of many to the British people. Education and training could not be left to the erratic play of market forces.

Only a fraction of the huge £13,000 million windfall from North Sea oil had been spent in industrial development, research and development and education and training. The Government had spent every penny piece of that money on the cost of the extra unemployment created since they came to office. The Government deserved the censure of the House for the neglect to which it had subjected British industry.

**Mr Geoffrey Pattie**, Minister for Information Technology, moved the Government amendment welcoming the increase in manufacturing output, the sharp rise in exports, gains in competitiveness of industry and the improved optimism of independent bodies such as the Confederation of British Industry.

The amendment congratulated the Government on the measures it has taken to assist the recovery of British industry, and regretted Opposition willingness to support every strike, its reactionary and damaging policies in favour of increased taxation, further nationalization and more state intervention, and its policies of deplorable fiscal irresponsibility.

The research and development budget had increased and not decreased from 1984-85 to 1985-86. Since the Government had come into office, £1,340 million had been pumped into Leyland. Mr Smith had given a wrong impression.

The information technology deficit, of course not desirable, appeared to have levelled off.

There had been a tremendous increase in experts between 1983 and 1984, an increase which meant Britain had now turned that corner.

The Government parted company from the Opposition on ways of improving performance. It did not believe that the answer lay in bringing everything under state control, either by outright nationalization or the encroaching tentacles of a national investment bank. It did not believe the answer lay in pumping taxpayers' money willy-nilly into industry. There was ample evidence such policies did not work.

Britain had achieved considerable success in countering inflation, but some other countries still had a lower rate. Because of the rise in earnings in real terms, much of the benefit had been taken by those in employment.

The Government could not legislate improvements in performances but it had a vital role to play to help regain international competitiveness. But innovation and the adoption of new technologies were as essential in the traditional as in the more modern businesses.

The Government's help to industry to enable it to keep abreast of the rapid changes in technology was very wide-ranging.

If the UK was to compete with America and Japan, its approach must not be purely national. There was a potential community market of 270 million people and that was why Britain had taken the lead in pressing for practical measures towards an integrated market for new technologies and for familiar goods and services.

In its first report last year, the Information Technology Skill Shortages Committee focused on the shortages of graduates and in January this year it had dealt with technicians. Both reports stressed the importance of forging a partnership between industry and education.

The Government did not believe the answer lay in building some kind of wall around the United Kingdom. It did not believe protectionism was the answer. Even a casual analysis of the world's protective economies clearly demonstrated the links between protection, lack of competition, lack of incentives, inefficiency and low growth.

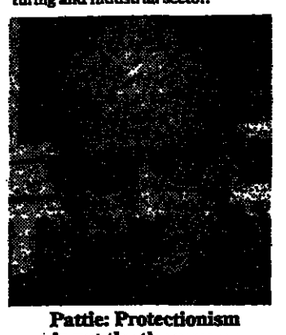
The Government did not believe in taxing industry through such ingenious devices as national insurance surcharge to restore international competitiveness.

There had been a long decline in manufacturing productivity. It was to reverse this long decline in industrial economic performance that the Government's policies were tailored. The heart of the Government's strategy to restore industry's price competitiveness had been the reduction of inflation. That remained the heart of the strategy. It had created a climate in which businesses could clearly prosper and enterprise flourish.

All the forecasts were predicting continued growth throughout 1985 – up 4 per cent following the end of the miners' strike. Growth was widely based with manufacturing industry sharing fully in the recovery.

Since the end of 1983 manufactured exports had been rising strongly, by the end of 1984 they were surging ahead. Britain now exported more manufactured goods in real terms than ever before in its history. Export volumes were running at over 10 per cent above previous peak levels.

The Government accepted that much remained to be done. We must not (he said) slacken our efforts and jeopardise the substantial progress that has been achieved over the past four years. These achievements have laid the foundations for a competitive manufacturing and industrial sector.



**Pattie: Protectionism is not the the answer**

**Mr Tony Benn** (Chesterfield, Lab) said he did not believe the Government was monetarist, or Thatcherite or incompetent. It was following deliberate policy to hammer the people who, broadly, the Labour Party sought to represent.

The Government's youth training scheme was fraud. It was free labour for the employers. The Government gave thousands of young people to employers without charging them a penny and called it training.

Referring to the new Conservative Centre-Forward group, he said those MPs believed the present Prime Minister would be the first women prime minister and the last Conservative prime minister this century. He thought they were right about that. They believed the party's prospects could be improved by going back to the absolutely rigid, bureaucratic centralism of the previous Conservative leader.

When Labour took over it would have to have a radical policy, not just a little bit of reflation and a little bit of public expenditure and a little adjustment to the public spending borrowing requirement.

This country (he said) has been ruined by this Government and will have to be rebuilt by another government using methods of planning comparable to those necessary to win the war. These arguments were getting through to the public. The Government is not following an economic policy; this is a political policy, a destruction of working people, their services, their jobs, their unions, their ballot boxes.

The Tories would not be saved by a lot of consensus politicians trying to revitalize the policies tried by honest men and women.

**Mr James Prior** (Waveney, C) said they must recognize that one of the best ways to help manufacturing industry and, therefore, overall employment and prosperity, was by getting a fair share of overseas contracts.

From his experience in government the Treasury had far too much control over the Export Credit Guarantee Department and over Aid and Trade Provisions (ATP), and the Secretary of State for Trade and Industry had nothing like enough control.

We have not measured up yet (he said) to the problems of international trade and the enormous competition that there is now in overseas markets, particularly for major capital projects.

These projects could be won only by large British companies using as sub-contractors the small and medium-sized companies which help to make up the British economy.

His own company, GEC, was regarded as large but there were six or seven electrical companies in the world that were far bigger. The important lesson was that Britain had to compete with international companies far stronger than most British companies.

On the Young trade mission to China one message was that the French and Japanese and other countries were granting long term, cheap credit. However pure the British liked to think they were, they had to be in a position to do business. This was where the Secretary of State must run trade policy and be the champion for trade policy.

This meant they had to take a different attitude towards aid and soft credit, the ATP in particular, and bilateral aid.

# Sentencing inquiry may be needed

## SCOTLAND

**Mr George Younger**, Secretary of State for Scotland, said in the Commons he was willing to consider a wider inquiry into sentencing policy of young offenders in Scotland once the report and fatal accident inquiries into the two most recent deaths at Glenochil Institution were over.

He was replying to **Mr David Steel**, leader of the Liberal Party, and **Mr Donald Dewar**, chief Opposition spokesman on Scotland, who both called for a wider inquiry into sentencing.

Mr Younger said the report of Dr Derek Chiswick's working party on suicide precautions at Glenochil would be published as soon as possible.

A fatal accident inquiry would be held on May 29 into the death of Angus Boyd and one on June 12 into the death of Derek Harris. These brought the total number of inmates to have died since the institution opened in 1976 to five.

It will consider (he added) the determinations of these inquiries, as well as the findings and recommendations of the working group, carefully and as a matter of urgency.

**Mr Steel**: Will Mr Younger accept there is still unease that there is not a more widespread inquiry into sentencing policy in Scotland? Is the working party empowered to take evidence from former inmates or the parents of former inmates from the Glenochil Institutions?

**Mr Younger**: I do not rule out *some sort of wider inquiry if we find* from the report of the working party and the fatal accident inquiries that there are further matters that need to be investigated.

As to further evidence, I do not believe we should delay Dr Chiswick's report.

**Mr Dewar**: I welcome the inquiries and accept they have to be dealt with first. But will Mr Younger note that there is a strong feeling certainly on the Labour benhes that we ought to be looking at the separate issue that detention centres have been established as the only custodial option for many young offenders.

That is something that should not be lost sight of and should be on the agenda and would cooperate in any efforts to inquire more widely once the inquiries are over.

**Mr Younger**: I would be happy for this whole subject to be on the agenda and would cooperate in any efforts to inquire more widely once the inquiries are over.

There has been a considerable widening of the methods of treatment of young offenders and I do not see any reason why it should not be widened further.

# Teachers urged to reopen negotiations

So long had gone by since he had made the offer last December to consider a package of pay and conditions for teachers and to endeavour to help implement it, it was going to be increasingly difficult to meet it, but it was still there, **Mr George Younger**, the Secretary of State for Scotland, said during Commons questions on the current dispute.

He was always prepared to consider requests by the Educational Institute of Scotland for meetings on matters of mutual concern. He regretted very much that, although the employers and two of the teachers' unions would have been prepared to agree to his proposal that the Scottish joint negotiating committee should carry out a review of pay and conditions of service together, the EIS had maintained its demand for an independent review of pay alone.

The sooner the EIS ceased its damaging action and returned to the negotiating table, the better it would be for Scottish education.

At no point in this long dispute had he denied that the teachers felt strongly about it. It was depressing that the EIS had not been prepared to come and discuss pay and conditions and he hoped they would now do so. Parents in the area targetted felt bitter about the way their children had been singled out for action.

**Lord James Douglas Hamilton** (Edinburgh West, C): Will he stress he is ready to negotiate.

**Mr Younger**: It is really not up to me to negotiate in this matter. Negotiating takes place in general between the employers who are the education authorities and the representatives of the teachers' unions.

He added in reply to **Mr William Walker** (Tayside North, C) that it was unrealistic in any professional area of employment to look at pay completely unrelated to conditions of service.

**Mr Harry Ewing**, an Opposition spokesman on Scotland: Despite the insults hurled at teachers by the Secretary of State, the teachers have shown a fair degree of good will in ensuring that "O" and "H" exams proceed smoothly as they are doing at the present time.

Will he consider a fresh initiative, to get talks going to solve this damaging dispute?

**Mr Younger**: I have never uttered any insults to teachers or to anyone else. I am very glad the EIS changed their intention to disrupt exams which was so deeply unpopular and I am grateful to them for changing it. I understand exams should proceed reasonably normally.

I cannot agree that parents would take a happy view about what has been done because parents feel bitter about the way their children have been targetted.

# MP gets apology for misreporting

## THE FALKLANDS

Comments made during Prime Minister's questions on Tuesday and in a Commons motion tabled by a Conservative MP were based on reports in national newspapers which were completely untrue, **Mr George Foulkes** (Carrick, Cumnock and Doon Valley, Lab) said in the Commons on a point of order to the Speaker.

He was referring to criticisms of his alleged behaviour at a lunch on Monday in the Falklands.

He said no scuffle had taken place, no water jug or glass was involved, the Secretary of State for Defence (Mr Michael Heseltine) was not involved.

A statement attributed to him was not correct. He had actually said the mothers of the "disappeared" were as brave as any Falklander and he stood by that. He had received an apology from Reuters

He now wanted an apology from Mr Ivan Lawrence (Burton, C), who had raised the matter during questions to the Prime Minster; from Mrs Thatcher; and from Mr William Walker (Tayside North, C), the author of the Commons motion

Later, Mr Walker said: On the basis of what Mr Foulkes has said, and I accept that unreservedly, I am prepared to withdraw my comments. (Labour cheers)

# Miners' murder trial jury told 'Britain seemed to be at war'

**From Tim Jones, Cardiff**

A jury was asked yesterday to remember the pressures on two miners charged with murder when "Britain was like a country at war".

Mr John Prosser, QC, said the Cardiff Crown Court jury had to remember the events took place against the background of a strike which had been a year of shame.

"For all of us, for the whole country it was a great sadness. We had miner support groups on the one hand and police convoys on the other."

The miners, he said, lived in the heart of the Welsh coalfield in a small village where most people were connected. "Just think of all the pressures there were throughout that period for them."

Mr Prosser was summing up in defence of Russell Shankland, aged 21, jointly accused with Reginald Dean Hancock of murdering Mr David Wilkie. The two men, from Rhymney, Mid-Glamorgan, have pleaded not guilty. Mr Willkie, aged 35, a father of four, died after 46lb concrete block crashed through his taxi and hit him as he was taking a working miner, Mr David Williams, to the Merthyr Vale colliery.

Mr Prosser said that Mr Shankland, had not wanted to join the strike and had distanced himself from it. He had been appalled by the picket line violence and because of it would agree only to drive a bus for the National Union of Mineworkers.

Mr Prosser said the jury had been told by the prosecution to put aside the rights and wrongs of the strike.

"Yet can we ignore what did happen over a period of a year? You will never be able to get to the bottom of this case unless you keep it in mind as a background matter. Between the spring of 1984 and the spring of 1985 we had a year of shame.

"We could not avoid it. We saw it day in day out throughout the country. We read about it. But some of us lived it and there is the distinction".

Inviting the jury to return a manslaughter verdict, Mr Prosser said it was never the intention of Mr Shankland to murder anyone. He had almost drifted into the incident by accident, almost casually, and out of it the Crown had forged a massive intrigue.

A murder charge has been dropped against a third miner, Anthony Williams, aged 26, of Rhymney, who denies two charges of conspiring to damage the taxi endangering the lives of the occupants.

The case continues today.



# Party death court case

**A private prosecution brought by Mr Ray Williams and his wife Pauline (above) against the man they accused of killing their son was adjourned for six weeks yesterday.**

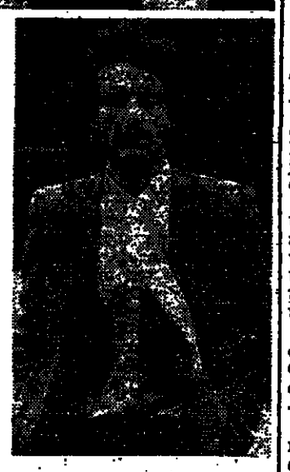
**Gary Austin, aged 24, (right) of Burton Road, Stockwell, south London, was told at Luton Magistrates Court yesterday that he faced "allegations relating to a manslaughter charge".**

**Mr and Mrs Williams of Whipperly Ring, Farley Hill, Luton, Bedfordshire, brought the case after their son John was found dead in September 1982 after a party at Mr Austin's flat.**

**An inquest jury returned a verdict of unlawful killing, but the Director of Public Prosecutions ruled that there was insufficient evidence for a trial.**

**Mr David Swain, for the prosecution, told the magistrates yesterday that he was applying for an adjournment because the police had only just been authorized by the DPP to release witness statements.**

**Mr Austin, was remanded on bail until June 26.**



# Arbitrators could ease courts' load

**By Our Home Affairs Correspondent**

The use of lay arbitrators to take over some of the work of the courts should be considered, Sir John Donaldson, Master of the Rolls, said last night.

Forecasting that the demand for settlement of disputes would increase, Sir John feared a difficulty in finding more judges.

He told the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators at their annual dinner: "The number of trained lawyers is limited. The proportion who are able and willing to become professional judges is even more limited.

"What we have to ask ourselves is whether we need legally-trained professional judges to resolve all types of dispute."

Sir John said that Justices of the Peace represented a very old and respectable precedent. They were not usually lawyers but, trained to try criminal cases, they did so in 90 per cent of them.

Sir John, a former president of the institute, said of the Court of Appeal: "Last year we disposed of nearly 1,100 appeals – an all-time record.

"If there is any increase in the number of appeals being set down, delays will begin to mount up as the backlog increases. This is not a problem which affects only the Court of Appeal, it affects the whole of the civil administration of justice."

Sir John said that the institute had done more than anyone else in training arbitrators, who are appointed by the parties in dispute. But was it not a little strange that the arbitrator, whose decision was supported by the whole executive power of the State, need have no training or qualifications as an arbitrator, whatever other qualifications he might have?

# High rise tenants ask to be rehoused

**By Charles Knevitt, Architecture Correspondent**

Tenants of five 19-storey tower blocks in Hackney, east London, are demanding to be rehoused after the discovery that some of their flats were not strengthened in the wake of the Ronan Point disaster in 1968. There are 600 flats in the blocks.

The blocks, on the Clapton Park estate, are built in the Camus system, one of the large-panel systems being investigated by the Government's Building Research Establishment. The borough of Hackney has 11 Camus blocks on three estates.

The results of an independent survey commissioned by the council, which led to the discovery, will be discussed at a meeting of the housing committee later this month. Tenants will put their case at the meeting.

More than £100 million was spent strengthening 567 blocks of different systems containing 38,700 flats after the Ronan Point inquiry. Recent surveys by councils and tenant groups have shown that several blocks were omitted from the programme.

Last month three 25 and 26-storey blocks in Glasgow, built in the Reema system, were found not to have been strengthened. The city council is checking another 38 Reema blocks.

The tenants' main fear is that a fire, an exceptionally high wind or an explosion caused by a liquefied petroleum gas cylinder, might cause the progressive collapse of an unstrengthened block, similar to what occurred at Ronan Point, when five people were killed.

Bottled gas is in common use in council flats, including those on the Clapton Park estate, as a cheaper and more convenient source of heating than electricity or paraffin.

The Government has banned its use on three occasions because of the risks it presents, but councils are having difficulty in enforcing the ban.

In 1983, the last year for which figures are available, bottled gas caused 687 fires in dwellings, with 193 casualties, five fatal.

There are thought to be Camus blocks, some of them up to 30 storeys high, in at least six cities around the country.

# Six years for bomb hoaxer

Kenneth McIndoe, aged 34, a former policeman of Abbotsford Drive, Glenrothes, Fife, who threatened to blow up a bank in an £8,600 robbery, was jailed for six years yesterday at The High Court in Edinburgh.

McIndoe, who admitted robbing the Royal Bank of Scotland in Ladybank, Fife on February 22, produced a fake bomb in a biscuit tin, threatened the bank accountant with a loaded air pistol

# Contractor fined after boy cut asbestos

A company which employed a boy aged 15 to work unprotected with dangerous asbestos dust was fined £8,400

Kew Contractors sent Paul Willoughby to cut asbestos lagging from a church boiler without any protective clothing, Bromley Magistrates' Court heard.

Mr Michael Williams, for the prosecution, said: "Full face respirators, hoods and overalls should have been have worn".

Mr Robin Watson, a company director said that the dust was not cleared up and the company had no licence to handle asbestos. He admitted nine offences under the Health and Safety at Work Act committed during renovation of the church in Lubbock Road, Chislehurst, Kent, last October.

# '£130m bill' to restore lapsed bus services

**By Michael Baily, Transport Editor**

Deregulation of the bus industry at the end of next year will cause an immediate drop of one third in services and a £130 million bill for county councils to keep the lapsed services going, Mr Robert Brook, chairman of the State-owned National Bus Company, said

A free-for-all on routes would force operators to concentrate resources on denser, profitable ones where fares would drop and more services would be available at least in the short term, Mr Brook said.

But to meet competition managers would have to withdraw from loss-making services at present supported by cross-subsidy within the company of £130 million a year, compared with £65 million received from local authorities.

Reporting a £22 million profit for 1984 compared with £25 million the year before, Mr Brook expressed confidence in the company's privatization.

The "pre-run" of a deregulated service in Hereford, has left NC in a strong position, with all competitors but one out of the race, traffic up by 50 per cent in Hereford city and fares down by 30 per cent.

Mr Brook's forebodings on deregulation were challenged by Mr Nicholas Ridley, Secretary of State for Transport, who said that he had looked at only one part of the story. When NBC withdrew from unprofitable services to concentrate on "core routes", others would come in to tender for them,

# Church of Ireland takes its Synod to Ulster

**From Richard Ford, Belfast**

Belfast will next week welcome more than 400 Irish Anglicans, attending the first General Synod of the Church of Ireland to be held outside the Irish Republic.

The meeting will call for greater progress towards reconciliation throughout the island. The Church of Ireland, with its headquarters in Dublin, is numerically smaller than the Presbyterian church based in Belfast.

The Synod, meeting outside Dublin for the first time in its 115-year history, will study a report by the Role of the Church Committee on the need for reconciliation and greater contacts between the majority and minority communities.

The committee adds: "It is vital to continue regular meeting between church and political leaders north and south. The church should host meetings between the parties, so that they can talk together without being in the public eye."

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# Gromyko gives Shultz a tongue-lashing

From Richard Bassett, Vienna

Mr George Shultz, the US Secretary of State, left Vienna yesterday saying that although his gruelling six-hour meeting with Mr Andrei Gromyko on Tuesday had been useful, there was still no indication as to where, or when, a summit might take place between President Reagan and Mr Mikhail Gorbachov.

American diplomats played down speculation that the talks had been a failure, but sources said Mr Shultz had been subjected to a verbal hammering by the Soviet Foreign Minister who, despite his excellent English, insisted on speaking Russian, a strategic advantage, giving him time to prepare his answers well before his interpreter had finished translating Mr Shultz.

Although the talks were described as free from acrimony by Mr Shultz's spokesman, Mr Gromyko took his American counterpart to task over a number of issues, including US involvement in Central America and the Middle East.

Mr Gromyko also delivered the standard Soviet rejection of US concern over human rights by insisting that such issues were the sole prerogative of Moscow.

Western diplomats said the talks had been businesslike and useful but it seemed that Mr Gromyko was unyielding in reiterating his country's criticism of the "Star Wars" project. He is believed to have said that there was no question of a deal on disarmament issues, or even a summit, until the Americans changed course on the Strategic Defence Initiative.

References to "peace in space" have often crept into Mr Gromyko's public speeches. At yesterday's climax to the celebrations of the Austrian State Treaty's thirtieth anniversary in the Belvedere Palace, he called for good relations between the powers to secure peace, not only on Earth, but also in space.

The day before, immediately after his talks with Mr Shultz, Mr Gromyko's press spokesman, Mr Vladimir Lomeiko, gave a warning that the race for armaments in space posed just as great a threat to peace as the Nazis did 50 years ago.

The only sign that the atmosphere of stalemate had softened came at the end of the formal State Treaty ceremony in the Belvedere, when Mr Gromyko took Mr Shultz off to a small chamber in the palace for 10 minutes of impromptu talks.

Sir Geoffrey Howe, the Foreign Secretary, representing Britain at the neutrality celebrations, sat next to Mr Gromyko in the Belvedere. In his speech, Sir Geoffrey called for an end to the use of words as rhetorical weapons and for a "radical vision" to break out of defensive attitudes.

The West, he said, was prepared to work for increased confidence although plain words exchanged in private should be used to built up a better understanding of each country's concerns.

● MOSCOW: Reports in the Soviet media yesterday on the Shultz-Gromyko meeting indicated that Moscow was maintaining a tough stance toward the US and arms talks, even though the language was relatively mild, by recent Soviet standards (Richard Owen writes).

"The Russians want to keep the dialogue going but are apparently not prepared to give ground at this stage," a Western diplomat said.





## Now and then

**The four powers on the Belvedere Palace balcony: Mr Shultz, Mr Gromyko, Chancellor Sinowatz of Austria, Sir Geoffrey Howe and M Roland Dumas, the French Foreign Minister, gathering yesterday to mark the thirtieth anniversary of Austrian independence, while their predecessors (right) celebrate in 1955.**

**Dr Figl, Austria's Foreign Minister at the time, shows the State Treaty to the public flanked by Harold Macmillan (Lord Stockton), the Foreign Secretary; John Foster Dulles, the US Secretary of State; Mr Molotov (waving), the Soviet Foreign Minister; M Antoine Pinay, the French Foreign Minister; and Herr Julius Raab, the Austrian Premier.**

*Prav da* published a Tass report which said the Soviet side had emphasized the need to make energetic efforts with a view to stopping the development of unfavourable trends in world affairs and achieving a change for the better in Soviet-American relations. But Mr Gromyko had "critically evaluated" American policy and expressed concern over Washington's "non-constructive stand" at the Geneva talks on space weapons and nuclear missiles.

Mr Shultz's remarks had not shown any evidence of US readiness "to translate the Reagan Administration's statements in favour of curbing the arms race into the language of practical policy".

Diplomats said this was the minimum they had expected the Russians to say. It suggested that Moscow would wait until the second round of the Geneva talks begin in two weeks before indicating whether Soviet views on American space weapons research and other issues were hard enough to prevent a Gorbachov-Reagan summit in September.

Tass quoted Mr Gromyko as having called for a "purposefull exchange of views" on the resolution of regional conflicts, and said the two men had reaffirmed their desire to restore and "flesh out the structure" of bilateral Soviet-American relations.

# UK given details of possible Star Wars role

From Christopher Thomas, Washington

The Pentagon has given the British Government a detailed account of the possible role for British companies in President Reagan's controversial Star Wars Strategic Defence Initiative (SDI). There are no indications, so far, that Britain or any European country will make an especially significant contribution in the early stages of the programme.

Professor Richard Norman, chief scientific adviser to the British Ministry of Defence, was recently in Washington for three days of high-level talks with the Strategic Defence Initiative Organization (SDIO), which is heading the project – a five to six-year research programme into the possibility of creating futuristic space-based defences against attacking nuclear missiles.

The British Government has made it clear that any contributions by British companies will have to be paid for out of the American SDI budget, which is $1.4 billion this year and may be well over double that next year.

The United States does not seem especially impressed by that position. Top planners at the SDIO have pointed out that there may be areas of research that could be of mutual benefit – a clear hint that Europe should expect to contribute financially.

Dr Gerald Yonas, chief scientist and acting deputy director of the SDIO, was asked by *The Times* who he believed should pay for European contributions to SDI. "I think it's too soon to say. Our intention is to work out those details," he said. "Let's say there are some things which are important for allied needs . . . but which would also be of use to us in the SDI programme. There may be things of mutual benefit."

He added that there might be areas of relevant research which some countries were already doing. "It may be that some kind of arrangement can be made in which there is some sharing of knowledge or facilities."

Britain's position is that companies must make their own financial arrangements if they wish to contribute to the SDI research. Mrs Margaret Thatcher, the Prime Minister, has told the US firmly that there will be no British Government contribution.

The SDIO has so far received no indications from European countries about the research area in which they might want to become involved, either jointly with American companies or alone. The British Government appears to be anxious to encourage companies to make a strong bid for contracts, particularly in the field of optics and lasers, where it is felt that British scientists are among the world leaders.

But there is unlikely to be any spectacular British input, especially in the early stage. In all likelihood the involvement will be confined to a limited number of small, highly specialized companies and academic institutions. A mass of unclassified technical data is being made available to universities and other research bodies in Western Europe.

# Solidarity ready for battle over meat prices

From Roger Boyes, Warsaw

The Solidarity underground opposition to General Jaruzelski called yesterday for a one-hour strike in Polish factories to protest against a new round of meat price rises.

The increase, 10 to 15 per cent, is due in July and will be the final phase in a series of rises that has pushed up the cost of bread, milk, gas, rent and electricity. The Government says they are necessary to reduce state subsidies and establish a "realistic" price level.

But Solidarity, which is now set to make meat the main issue in its struggle wih the authorities, says the Government is substituting price rises for genuine economic reform. The underground leadership met on May 7 to assess the impact of Solidarity demonstrations on May Day and to set new protest goals.

"We are threatened with new price rises . . . facing the increasing threat to the population's standard of living. Solidarity has to undertake firm action," the latest issue of the clandestine Warsaw weekly, *Tygodnik Mazowsze*, said. "We declare the first working day after the implementation of new meat price rises to be the day of nationwide strike."

Meanwhile, lecturers at Warsaw University have signed a protest letter to the authorities about the sacking from the Academy of Sciences of the historian and Solidarity adviser, Professor Bronislaw Geremek. The protest follows a similar complaint by the Scientific Council, an advisory body.

**Yugoslavia's new president**

# Cracks under the facade of a smooth succession

From Dessa Trevisan, Belgrade

Yugoslavia yesterday acquired its fifth president since Tito died five years ago. Mr Radovan Vlajkovic, who represents Vojvodina, the autonomous region which, like Kosovo, is part of the constituent republic of Serbia, took over from Mr Veselin Djuranovic of Montenegro.

When his term expires next May, it will be the turn of Mr Sinan Hasani, of Kosovo, who will become the first ethnic Albanian to be titular head of the Yugoslav state.

The rotating system is to ensure that each of the eight members of the presidency, representing Yugoslavia's six republics and two autonomous regions, serves a one-year term as head of state.

This method of leadership, which Tito established in the early 1970s as a safeguard against possible power struggles, individual or national, now seems to be running smoothly. It has in fact become as much a characteristic of Yugoslavia as its non-alignment.

So far, there are no signs of anyone challenging the system, or attempting to change the rules. As a safeguard for equal national representation, it is obviously proving its worth. But equally obviously, this is not enough to resolve Yugoslavia's numerous ailments which came to light in the absence of Tito's domineering personality, and once it became glaringly obvious that many of the ills had been there some time already.

Without Tito to act as a kingpin in such a highly devolved system, all the divisions, national, social, ideological and political have come to the fore, and unpalatable facts, hitherto hushed up, can no longer be concealed. The drawbacks of the system, which the post-Tito crisis brought to light, are now only too apparent.

But how correct the system is is where the real problem lies, as today there is no agreement either on the diagnosis or on the cure. In fact, differences and divisions are getting wider and the republics are clinging to their constitutional prerogatives regardless of the interests of the country as a whole.

Inflation is running at more than 60 per cent, and the federal government seems powerless to curb it. Unemployment exceeds 1 million, or almost 15 per cent, and is yet another potential source of trouble, especially as the young have little chance of getting jobs in the foreseeable future and, rather than being attracted to Communist ideology are, in increasing numbers, seeking answers in religion, or, still more dangerous, in national myths.

Many Yugoslavs put the blame for economic ailments on excessive political interference.



**Mr Vlajkovic: Fifth president since Tito.**


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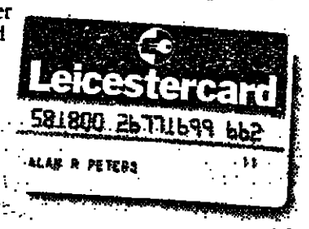
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# Torture centre guard tells Argentine court of killings

From Douglas Tweedale, Buenos Aires

Four weeks after the public trial of nine of Argentina's former military leaders opened, public attention here is still riveted on the sometimes sickening and always compelling review of this country's violent recent past taking place in the court of the Federal Chamber of Appeal.

This week, the six-member tribunal and a packed court have been hearing evidence of the so-called "Pilar massacre", one of 700 cases of military atrocities the prosecutors say they will prove. One night in August 1976 police and military forces in Buenos Aires allegedly dragged 30 prisoners out of a secret prison, shot them in the head and blew up their bodies with explosives in retaliation for a guerrilla bombing of a police dining hall a month earlier.

The nine former junta members, including three former presidents, are on trial for their alleged responsibility for the kidnapping, torture and presumed murder of nearly 9,000 Argentines who went missing after the March 1976 coup.

The Pilar case, named after the area outside Buenos Aires where the dynamited bodies were found, produced one of the most dramatic witnesses yet to testify against the accused officers. On Tuesday, a man who admitted working as a guard at the Buenos Aires police's Coordinacion Federal secret torture centre, told the court he had helped to load the 30 prisoners on to a lorry the night before they were killed.

The guard, Señor Armando Luchini, also gave a chilling description of life at the Coordinacion Federal secret prison, saying that the tortures he had witnessed there had driven him to testify. He told the court he had seen prisoners taken away in helicopters to be dumped into the river to drown.

Last week, the Federal Prosecutor, Señor Julio Strassera, presented evidence and dozens of witnesses in a case called "the night of the pencils" in which 10 secondary students aged 14 to 18 were kidnapped in September 1976 after organizing a petition for cheaper school bus fares. All of the students went missing except one who gave a dramatic description of his ordeal at the hands of his police and army kidnappers and of his suffering in a succession of secret torture centres.

## Pope leaves Netherlands after his most controversial visit and heads for tranquillity of Luxembourg



Young devotion: A Luxembourg girl poised to accept a kiss from the Pope after he arrived yesterday at Findel airport for a two-day stay in the Grand Duchy.

# Vatican boost for the traditionalists

From Peter Nichols, Utrecht

The Pope was in Brazil five years ago when he first mentioned his interest in learning Dutch. There is therefore no reason to suppose that he came to The Netherlands this week unprepared for the treatment he received.

He ran into one serious riot, a good deal of indifference, a sharp attack from the unions, criticism from Catholic pacifists and from women who feel that he underrates their potential role in the Church, adulation from the traditionalists and enthusiasm from selected members of Catholic youth movements.

In reply, he was more explicit than ever in emphasizing the essential role of the papacy in the life of local churches, in expressing his fundamental doubts about the possibility of rational advances in the field of ecumenism and in insisting that his interpretation of the Church's teaching on personal morality was not only based on the gospels but would be with us in its present form until the end of time.

His main preoccupation about the violent disorders in Utrecht on Sunday was whether they were directed at him personally. The bishops assured him that they were not. That was an inadequate interpretation because the real distinguishing feature about the Utrecht riot was that it did not represent any section of Dutch Roman Catholic opinion and so in this sense was irrelevant to the visit; but it was nevertheless aimed against the authority of his office on which he personally places so massive an importance.

Dutch Catholicism is deeply divided between Conservatives and progressives.

The Pope placed all the formidable weight of his office behind the bishops. At the same time he brusquely ordered them to provide leadership and not be content with following the lead of others. On Saturday, his first-day in the Netherlands, he revealed his feelings on the point

He was in 'sHertogenbosch a diocese which has strongly reacted against the Pope's recent choice of Mgr. J. G. Ter Schure, a thorough traditionalist, to be its bishop. There was widespread opposition both from the people and the clergy of the diocese. During the visit the Pope supported his nominee to the hilt but at the same time appeared to attempt an explanation of his choice.

He said: "I should like to say that the Pope attempts to understand the life of the local church in the appointment of every bishop. He gathers information and obtains advice in accordance with ecclesiastical law and custom. You will understand that opinions are sometimes divided. In the final analysis the Pope must take the decision. Must he explain his choice? Discretion does not permit him to do so."

There have been attempts to broaden the significance of the events here

All sorts of colourful interpretations have been heard: it was the Pope's Bitburg, it was Rome's Boston Tea Party.

Essentially it confirmed what is implicit in John Paul II's pontificate.

He does not wish to allow individual churches to move faster than the pace of Rome or call in question basic tenets which he believes indispensable. The first is that the Church must be united. The second is that the structure must be recognizable, meaning that bishops must be bishops and not delegate their authority to others: priests must be priests and the laity cannot usurp their place. And finally there must be clarity in expressing doctrine even if this means dispappointing partners

The great question over the future of the Roman Catholic Church is whether it is moving in the broad historical context towards greater regionalism and local autonomy, or whether this firm-minded and firm-handed Pope will keep that movement in check.

● AMSTERDAM: Asked for his assessment of the Pope's visit to the Netherlands, Mr Ruud Lubbers, the Prime Minister and himself a Roman Catholic, told *The Times* his impression was positive, despite the rioting (Robert Schuil writes).

Rioting by squatters and other groups with anarchist leanings has little to do with the visit as such. "If Queen Elizabeth had been visiting we might have had the same riots."

## Duchy welcomes 'pilgrim of peace'

Luxembourg (Reuter) – The Pope was welcomed by Luxembourg's head of state yesterday as a "tireless pilgrim of peace" when he arrived in the Grand Duchy after his turbulent four-day stay in The Netherlands.

Greeting the Pontiff, who kissed the ground at Findel airport, Grand Duke Jean also described the Pope as the defender of humanity's most noble causes and the voice of conscience in a troubled world.

The Pope shook hands with some of those who had gathered at the airport, including a group of his Polish compatriots, before travelling to the cathedral of Our Lady of Luxembourg.

At a service attended by the sick, handicapped and aged, he recalled Luxembourg's tradition as a bastion of the Roman Catholic faith.

He urged Luxembourg Catholics to remain true to Mary, the mother of Jesus, their patron saint for more than three centuries.

From the cathedral, he was driven to the palace for a private meeting with Grand Duke Jean and his family. The Pope travels to Belgium tonight

# China sees barriers to exports

Peking (Reuter) – China still faces export barriers in both the United States and the European Community which are blocking further development of trade, a top official said yesterday.

Mr Huang Wenjun, director of the trade ministry's Policy Research Bureau, said that trade with Europe and the US had shown great improvement in recent years but there were still problems.

"One of the main problems is that China's exports to the Community have been somewhat restricted and European products should be more competitive in price and quality to allow China to buy more," he said.

Turning to the problems with the US Mr Huang said: "We appreciate the efforts of the US side (to solve them) but we think it is not enough."

Mr Huang's remarks follow a four-day visit to China by the Commerce Secretary, Mr Malcolm Baldridge, for a regular meeting of the two sides on trade issues.

He also announced a visit by the newly-appointed Chinese Trade Minister, Mr Zheng Tuobin, to Brussels from May 21 to 24 to discuss similar issues with the Europeans and sign a renewal of a long-term economic and trade development pact.

China's trade with the US reached a record total of $6.1 billion last year while trade with the European Community was $5.6 billion.

# Juveniles blamed for crime wave

From Mary Lee
Peking

A Chinese official blamed "rampant juvenile delinquency" yesterday for 36 per cent of the crimes committed in Peking. Mr Wang Loosheng, secretary-general of the newly-formed Association for Concern over Juveniles, said the problem was "a direct result of the social chaos during the Cultural Revolution and the invasion of decadent trends from the outside world in recent years."

Although the nationwide crackdown on crime since 1983 had brought about improvements, "juvenile delinquency continues to plague society and causes anxiety among many who are concerned about the future generations of this country". The association was formed, he said, because this problem cannot be resolved by legal means alone. "It is basically a problem of education aimed at preventing crimes and reforming the offenders," he added.

Ironically, children born during the mid-60s and 70s enjoy greater freedoms and opportunities than their counterparts – the Red Guards – did during the turbulent decade of the Cultural Revolution. The difference today, observers say, is that they are no longer filled with revolutionary fervour.

Many are bored and constitute a ready market for the "unhealthy tabloids"

# Indonesia revives trade links after 18 years

From Our Correspondent, Jakarta

After several months of hesitation, the Government has given the Indonesian Chamber of Commerce and Industry the go-ahead to visit China for the first time since diplomatic relations were frozen 18 years ago.

Government sources say the decision, announced by the Cabinet Secretary yesterday, does not signal any imminent thaw in diplomatic relations. It will, however, pave the way for direct trade relations before the end of the year, the sources said.

The chamber of commerce president, Mr Gitosardjono Sukamdani, said a team had been selected and would leave soon, but did not specify a date. A memorandum of understanding would be signed between the chamber and its Chinese counterpart in a third country – probably Singapore or Hong Kong – before the trip took place.

Indonesia's trade with China has in the past been carried out through middlemen in Hong Kong and Singapore, and Indonesian businessmen are hopeful of gaining a foothold in the China market for non-oil commodities such as tin, rubber and plywood.

The chamber had been poised to leave for China last month but was delayed when the Indonesian Foreign Ministry suggested publicly that the timing was not right. Mr Probosutedjo, a half-brother of President Suharto, made an unannounced visit to Peking, but said on his return that he had not been representing the chamber.

Direct trade and diplomatic relations with Peking were frozen in 1967

# Peking paroles man who stole state secrets

Peking – A Hong Kong Chinese, sentenced to 15 years' jail last June for stealing state secrets, was paroled yesterday (Mary Lee writes).

The official Xinhua news agency said the Peking intermediate people's court decided that Huang Xian, aged 34, should be paroled because of (good) prison behaviour and "his willingness to serve Chinese modernization".

Huang had "endangered national security" by stealing, between September 1981 and February 1983, 32 confidential documents and more than 400 copies of restricted publications.

He came to Peking in early 1979 and stayed till March 1981 to teach at the Peking Foreign Trade Institute and Peking University.

# Ex-minister in Jakarta bomb case jailed

Jakarta – Indonesia's former Industries Minister, Mr Muhammad Sanusi, aged 64, was yesterday sentenced to 19 years imprisonment on charges of subversion in connection with his alleged role in the Jakarta bombings which claimed two lives and injured 16 last October (Our Correspondent writes).

He has consistently denied prosecution charges that he helped to finance and plan the bombings of two banks and a store owned by ethnic Chinese.

Mr Sanusi, is known to be close to the so called "Group of 50", a loose organization of retired military officers and civil servants and academics who have expressed disaffection with the Government of President Suharto.


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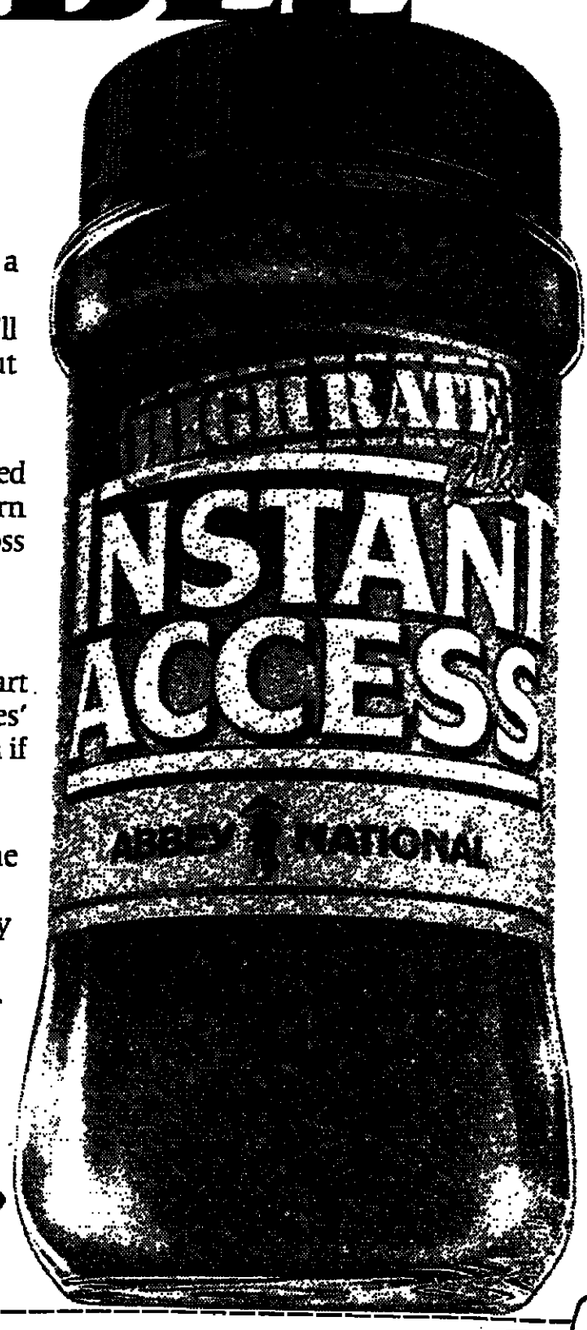
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# Czechs jail customs chief in wave of anti-corruption arrests

Prague (AFP) – Czechoslovakia's Director of Customs, Mr Ladislav Kusy, has been jailed for 40 years for corruption and 250 customs officers, including the supervisors of all border posts with the West, have been transferred, dismissed or arrested, highly reliable sources said here yesterday.

Mr Kusy's conviction, late in January, is the most striking manifestation of a number of related scandals that have provoked at least one suicide and the arrests of an unknown anumber of people across Czechoslovakia for smuggling drugs, antiques, hard currency, silver and scrap iron.

The official press has published only isolated articles about arrests or convictions of minor accomplices, without linking the various affairs.

The existence of a relationship between some of the different smuggling cases was disclosed to Agence France-Presse by sources who have access to files on the investigation.

These sources said the inquiry began when Austria told the Prague Government in a very high-level contact that there was Czechoslovak involvement in a narcotics network, running drugs from Beirut to West Berlin and The Netherlands across central Europe.

Soon after ths contact, the sources said, Czechoslovak police arrested three Arabic-speaking smugglers who were preparing to leave the country

The resulting investigation led to the suicide of a doctor in Bratislava, in Slovakia on the Austrian border, and to the arrest of several technical employees at Slovakofarma, a pharmaceutical factory where they allegedly refined the drugs, the sources said.

Pursuing the inquiry into how the smugglers had entered Czechoslovakia with impunity, police learned that a number of customs officers were involved in smuggling of a wide range of products, the sources said.

In a parallel inquiry, the sources said, police learned that the Vitkovic steel plant in Ostrava, near the Polish border, had delivered top-quality steel to West Germany instead of scrap iron, as noted on the bills of lading. This, the police concluded, had allowed someone to pocket the difference in price.

The involvement of the Vitkovic plant was considered very serious, as they tightly guarded steelworks makes special steels for the Czechoslovak Army as well as the Soviet Army.

Still more serious, the sources said, were the investigation's findings of large-scale black-marketeering in the Tuzex stores that sell Western-made products for hard currency.

The Tuzex stores do not inquire of purchasers where they got their hard currency – legally available only to authorized buyers from banks for 12 crowns to the dollar – and this situation has given rise to "unofficial" transactions in which a dollar can cost up to 30 crowns.



**Sikh advice: Mr Rajiv Gandhi, India's Prime Minister (centre), being urged by Sikh leaders in Delhi yesterday to cancel his US trip. FBI agents stepped up their search for two Sikh extremists in America who allegedly plotted to murder him during his visit.**

# 24 nations press US to lift trade embargo

Caracas (Reuter) – Twenty-four Latin American nations meeting here called on the United States yesterday to lift its trade embargo on Nicaragua and pledged economic efforts to help the Managua Government.

After a protracted meeting of the Latin American Economic System (SELA) which ended after midnight in Caracas, delegates finally reached unanimous agreement on a document condemning the US move as a violation of international behaviour.

The document said: "The adoption of coercive economic measures against any member state affects Latin America's economic security and contributes to accentuating tension in Central America.

Agreement was delayed by resistance from Costa Rica, Honduras, El Salvador and Guatemala to a strong statement.

● TEGUCIGALPA: Anti-Sandinista rebel forces, known as the Contras, are abandoning their bases near the Nicaraguan border and dispersing into smaller camps deeper inside Honduras, though it is not yet clear whether the move is being made voluntarily or at the insistence of the Honduran authorities (Alan Tomlinson writes).

A senior Honduran Government Minister says the Army is disarming the Contras but Western diplomats believe the Hondurans are attempting to do no more than move them away from the border where there has been recent heavy fighting.

The Hondurans have become concerned about the consequences for their own security if the Contras are routed by the Nicaraguan Army following the refusal last month of the United States Congress to approve more Contra aid.

● STOCKHOLM: President Ortega of Nicaragua began a hastily-arranged trip to Finland and Sweden yesterday in an effort to get support from the Nordic countries in his country's dispuite with the United States (Reuter reports).

A Nicaraguan embassy spokesman said Señor Ortega's visit was an attempt to bring peace to Central America despite the imposition of US trade sanctions. "Nordic help is very welcome in this respect", he said.

President Ortega, who is visiting both East and West European countries, was due in Helsinki from Italy last night. He will have talks with President Mauno Koivisto today and Mr Olof Palme, the Prime Minister in Stockholm on Friday.

# Right-wing Silesians embarrass Chancellor

Bonn (Reuter) – Chancellor Helmut Kohl will address a rally of Silesian exiles next month, despite an article in their newspaper attacking President Richard von Weizsäcker for saying in a speech to Parliament that Hitler started the Second World War, a government spokesman said.

Calling the President's view of history simplistic, *Der Schlesier* said: "One must wonder how today's President could have ignored the Versailles Treaty (which ended the First World War on terms disadvantageous to the Germans)." It also described British and American war leaders as "warmongers".

The government spokesman said Kohl considered the article "dumb and stupid" but would not scrap his speech to 150,000 Silesians in Hanover on June 14.

## Life for killer

Paphos, Cyprus (AP) – A 19-year-old Greek Cypriot, Andreas Soteriou, who slit the throat of Patricia Ashe, a Bradford housewife on holiday when she resisted being raped, was sentenced to life imprisonment after pleading guilty to manslaughter here. The presiding judge said the court was imposing the maximum possible sentence.

## Storm chaos

Wellington (Reuter) – Violent winds of up to 90mph tore the tops off houses in New Zealand and coastal residents fled in land from towering seas. The worst storm in more than a decade hit Wellington, cutting power supplies disrupting transport, and forcing the airpirt to close. Waves up to 30ft high in Cook Strait kept inter-island ferries in port.

## All forgiven

New York (AP) – Gary Dotson, meeting on a TV show with the woman whose rape accusations sent him to prison six years ago, said he had accepted her apology and they "shook hands". The woman, Mrs Cathleen Crowell Webb, who has retracted her accusations, said of Dotson: "He doesn't have the character of a rapist."

## 600 jailed

Ankara (AFP) – A three-year military trial at Erzincan of 901 members of the Dev-Yol (Revolutionary left) organization for political violence under the former civilian regime ended with one man sentenced to death and more than 600 others to serve between life and under five years in jail.

## Paraguay rally

Ascunción (AFP) – About 5,000 opponents of President Stroessner's 31-year-old military regime in Paraguay staged a rally here – calling for an end to "torture and illegal imprisonment". The rally was held on the 174th anniversary of Paraguay's independence.

## F20 jet crashes

Los Angeles (AFP) – The pilot of an F20 Tigershark jet was killed when a prototype of the Northrop Corporation fighter crashed in Goose Bay, Labrador, while practising for the Paris air show. It is the second Tigershark to crash since October.

## 22 killed in bus

Peking (AP) – Twewnty-two people died and 48 others were injured when a bus carrying high-school students collided with a lorry in the south-eastern industrial city of Xiamen, the *China Daily* reported. The bus overturned and its petrol tank exploded.

## Kashmir denial

Delhi (Reuter) – Indian press reports that Pakistani troops opened fire on the disputed border in Kashmir, and that Pakistan lent support to Sikh extremists, were denied by the Indian Defence Ministry and the Pakistani Embassy.

## Coffin protest

Manila (AFP) – About 2,000 protesters paraded in front of a police station here bearing the coffins of two victims of the secret police force authorized to shoot suspected criminals. The marchers demanded an investigation into the deaths.

## Swedish alarm

Stockholm (Reuter) – Swedish companies issued a warning of serious problems if the 13-day-old civil service pay dispute, which has cut foreign trade to a trickle, is not settled soon.

## Frog-leg ban

Dhaka (Reuter) – Exporters have urged the Bangladesh Government to lift a ban on exports of frog legs, but the Government said the country needed more frogs to fight insect pests. The legs of 70 million frogs have been exported each year.

# Envoy resigns over 'soft' Romania line

From Nicholas Ashford, Washington

Mr David Funderburk, the US Ambassador to Bucharest for the past three and a half years, has resigned, claiming that American policy towards Romania was not tough enough. He is the first Ambassador appointed by President Reagan to resign following policy differences.

In a lengthy interview with the *Washington Post*, conducted in Munich immediately after his departure from Bucharest, he argues that US policy towards Romania, a communist country that is frequently at odds with the Soviet Union, was misconceived and ineffective.

He accused officials in the State Department and Central Intelligence Agency of belittling or doctoring evidence showing Romania's growing ties with the Soviet Union. Successive US Administrations have given preferential treatment to Romania because it has followed a foreign policy that often diverges with that of Moscow.

In the interview, Mr Funderburk called for an end to the most-favoured-nation status and other concessions

Mr Funderburk was critical of Administration officials, particularly those in the State Department, who deliberately overlooked or ignored evidence which he provided about Romania's growing economic ties with the Soviet Union, the presence of large numbers of non-military Soviet personnel in the country and the transfer of high technology to the Soviet Union which Romania had obtained in the West.

# Irish aid director kidnapped

From Robert Fisk
Beirut

At a moment when Westerners in Beirut were beginning to think that the wave of kidnaps against them had finished, gunmen yesterday abducted the Irish deputy director of Unwra in Lebanon, dragging him from his car in a crowded street above the Mediterranean.

Irish diplomats here were last night still searching for Mr Aidan Walsh, aged 49, whose UN organization provides for the welfare of tens of thousands of Palestinians throughout the country.

He was travelling to work through the Raouche neighbourhood of west Beirut when his chauffeur-driven car clearly marked with the letters UN and displaying the blue UN flag, was stopped by eight armed men in two cars. Mr Walsh was dragged from the back of his vehicle while his Palestinian driver pleaded with the gunmen not to kidnap him. At this, one of the



Mr Walsh: Dragged from car.

men smashed his rifle into the windscreen, and Mr Walsh was driven away.

Mr John Rowan, the First Secretary at the Irish Embassy, in Beirut, said last night that no threats had been received against Mr Walsh and no claim of responsibility for the abduction had been received.

"We don't think it is directed against him as an Irish citizen," he added. "There in no reason to think he has been harmed."

The Raouche district is controlled by Shia Muslim and Druze militias, although it has also been the scene of kidnaps by various other Muslim groups.

Another seven people were killed in the civil war fighting in central Beirut yesterday while there were further calls for Syrian troops to return to the city to restore peace. Mr Sulieman Franjieh, the pro-Syrian Christian ex-President said on Tuesday that "only a brotherly, personal and strong military initiative from President Hafez Assad can save Lebanon."

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# Israel pins hope on austerity package

From Christopher Walker, Jerusalem

In a continuing effort to rescue the Jewish state from its worst-ever economic crisis, the National Unity Government is trying to introduce another severe austerity package which will further increase taxes and cut subsidies on food, fuel and public transport.

Yesterday, as the Coalition Government defeated three no-confidence motions in its handling of the economy, official statistics revealed that inflation had jumped by 19.4 per cent during the month of April. It was a much steeper rise than had been expected.

According to senior Treasury sources, the proposed package will include a doubling of the travel tax paid by each Israeli when leaving the country to $300 (£234).

It is understood that there are deep divisions inside the Goverament about whether the latest package should include a substantial devaluation of the ailing currency, the Biblical shekel, by around 25 per cent. Many Israelis have been hoarding foreign currency in anticipation of such a move.

During a stormy meeting with coalition back-benchers this week, Mr Shimon Peres threatened to resign as Prime Minister if budgetary measures already approved by the Cabinet are not swiftly transformed into law.

The deputies were warned by Mr Yitzhak Modai, the hard-pressed Finance Minister that every day the new taxes were not approved the economic situation was getting worse. He alleged that budget ceilings and limits and monetary injections were constantly being exceeded.

"Do you think the Prime Minister and I enjoy going to the Americans to negotiate for more money?" Mr Modai asked.

Yesterday, the Government also faced grim statistics in the important field of agriculture. The figures showed that over the past Hebrew calendar year (October, 1983 to September, 1984) agricultural production had fallen by 2.5 per cent

# Communists lose power in Rome

From John Earle
Rome

Signor Ugo Vetere is packing his bags as Communist mayor of Rome after nine years of left wing administration in the Italian capital. His successor is likely to be Senator Nicola Signorello, a Christian Democrat and former Minister of Tourism.

In last Sunday's local elections, the Communists, with 30.8 per cent of the vote, were overtaken by the Christian Democrats with 33.0 per cent. This reversed the position five years ago, when the Communists gained 36.1 and the Christian Democrats 29.6

Senator Vetere saw one reason for the Communist setback in the renewal of active support for the Christian Democrats by the Roman Catholic church. He added: "I am going back to be just a grandfather."

Milan, where the mayor, Signor Carlo Tognoli is a Socialist, may also lose its left wing coalition.

# Senate approves more aid to Middle East

From Mohsin Ali, Washington

The US Senate has approved $1.5 billion in emergency economic aid for Israel and another $500 million in economic aid for Egypt in fiscal 1985.

The Senate also unanimously voted on Tuesday to authorize $15 million in humanitarian aid to guerrillas fighting Soviet forces in Afghanistan or Afghan refugees in Pakistan.

The votes were on a series of amendments to a $12.8 billion foreign aid Bill for the 1986 fiscal year beginning on October 1 next.

Approval of the $1.5 billion for Israel had been widely expected, even though the Administration had delayed formally requesting it because it had insisted that Israel must first take concrete steps towards structural reform of its inflationary economy.

The sum is in addition to $1.2 million in economic aid and $1.8 million in military assistance already provided by Congress to Israel this year.

The amendment also authorized for Egypt £82 million for regional programmes and $1.2 million to help refugees along the Gaza Strip. It is in addition to the $815 million economic assistance for Egypt which is also in the Bill.

The $15 million for the Afghans is a sign of growing bipartisan Congressional support for the "freedom fighters".

● CAIRO: As Israeli and Egyptian delegates opened talks here yesterday on a number of bilateral issues including the disputed border area of Taba, about 500 people gathered outside Cairo's main synagogue for an anti-Israeli demonstration. (Alice Brinton writes).

Protestors said they had heard reports that Jews would attend a ceremony there commemorating the 1948 founding of Israel. In the Arab world, May 15 is observed as the anniversary of Israel's creation.

There was no ceremony apparent however.

The demonstrators held up banners, some of which said in English: "Zionists go home". They chanted slogans which ranged from "Long live the Arab struggle" to "Mubarak, Mubarak. The stand is waiting for you," an ominous reference to the military podium where the late President Sadat was shot by muslim extremists.

# Marathon on EEC farm talks

From Ian Murray
Brussels

Exhausted EEC farm ministers returned here last night to resume their search for a way past West German objections leading to agreement on farm prices for the year ahead.

They had broken off their meeting at dawn after trying all night to force Herr Ignaz Kiechle to accept the fact that the Community must agree to a cut in cereal prices this year if it is to slow down production of unwanted crops and, at the same time, pay its bills.

Herr Kiechle, supported by a message sent by Chancellor Kohl, refused to shift from his position that West German farmers had already suffered enough and would not tolerate a cut in prices.

Signor Filippo Pandolfi, the Italian minister presiding, put forward during the night what he called "a final compromise". This came after a "final compromise" put forward earlier by the Commission.

The Italian paper insisted that cereal prices would have to be cut by 3.6 per cent; but was prepared to see this reduction spread out over three years.

Herr Kiechle still insisted that he could accept no cut

# Brandt keeps Bonn row going

From Frank Johnson, Bonn

Herr Willy Brandt, the Social Democrats' chairman, has said he may have "over-reacted" in comparing Herr Heiner Geissler, the Christian Democrats' general secretary, to Goebbels. But he had only done so, Herr Brandt added, after Herr Kohl had started the unpleasantness by accusing him of "primitive anti-Americanism".

Herr Brandt, then, has stopped well short of an apology. And to the delight of most of Bonn, he has managed to keep going the first good political quarrel after months of rather predictable West German politics.

Despite rising unemployment, the ruling coalition was on course to its re-election in 1987 over the Social Democrats under Herr Hans-Jochen Vogel, who seemed to have suffered from being too respectable for the arts of opposition.

This may indeed be what happens in the end. But this week the situation was transformed by the Social Democrats' huge win in North Rhine-Westphalia on Sunday and the emergence, as the likely replacement to Herr Vogel, of Herr Johannes Rau, North Rhine-Westphalia's re-elected Prime Minister.

Suddenly, with victory in 1987 a possibility, the Social Democrats are asking themselves whether there is anything that could cheat them of it. One danger, apart from any hitch in easing Herr Vogel from his leadership in favour of Herr Rau, is an economic revival. The other is "anti-Americanism".

All week the leading Social Democrats have been going to great lengths to prove that they are not the anti-American party.

Americans seem no longer to command the popularity here that they did in the years between the Berlin airlift and President Kennedy's pronouncement that he was a Berliner. Disapproval of things American has roots both cultural and political. But there still appears to be a belief that nothing must be done to weaken the American commitment to defend the Federal Republic, or to encourage those Americans who want to cut the number of American troops on German soil.

● WASHINGTON: Despite the controversies and protests that marred President Reagan's trip to Europe, a narrow majority of Americans believe it was a success, according to a new *Washington Post*-ABC News opinion poll (Nicholas Ashford writes).

The poll, which was taken while the President was visiting West Germany, Spain and Portugal, showed that his approval rating had risen from 54 per cent in April to 57 per cent in May.

# Mubarak in Turkey

Ankara – President Hosni Mubarak yesterday became the first Egyptian head of state to visit Turkey, when he began a four-day state visit which it is hoped will result in close political, economic and even military ties in contrast to the former chill in relations (Rasit Gurdilek writes).

The official talks between President Mubarak and President Kenan Evren, starting today, will cover international relations.

Official sources, emphasizing that both countries, with Saudi Arabia, were "factors of stability" in the Middle East, expected a joint declaration of support for the representation of Jordan and the Palestine Liberation Organization in possible peace talks with Israel.

# Stranded Ghana aliens refuse ships for home

From Richard Everett
Abidjan

Forty thousand Ghanaian immigrants have refused to return home on ships provided by the Nigerian Government, Accra radio said.

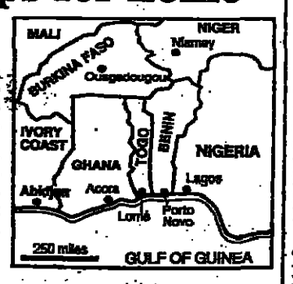
The Ghanaians, whose condition is described as "desperate" are among tens of thousands of illegal aliens left stranded when Nigeria closed its land borders last Friday.

The Nigerian Government has chartered boats to take the immigrants home, and has assembled many of the immigrants at transit camps.

On May 15 Nigeria announced that 700,000 immigrants, including 300,000 Ghanaians, had until May 10 to obtain residence permits or leave the country. The land borders were opened on May 3 and the exodus of people from Ghana, Togo, Benin, Chad, Niger and Cameroon began.

Bottlenecks ensued at the crossings on the Nigeria-Benin border as the Nigerian authorities searched the immigrants one by one. People were only allowed to take out 20 naira (£17) and a few personal belongings. Ghananian and Beninese officials estimate that no more than 100,000 aliens, mostly Ghanaian, left Nigeria before the Friday deadline.

Since then the border post at Seme has been the scene of clashes between Nigerian security forces and immigrants




determined to cross the border. Eyewitnesses returning to Lagos told reporters that four people were killed on Monday when police opened fire on a convoy of lorries attempting to crash the border gates.

Unconfirmed reports from the Benin side of the border said the death toll could run as high as 25. Reports quoting immigrants who had crossed the border illegally said 15 people were killed in gunfire and 10 died in a stampede as Nigerian troops tried to stop the convoy by shooting out their tyres.

The Nigerian Information Minister, Mr Samson Omeruah, called the reports "a complete fabrication", saying "nothing of the sort happened". Speaking on Tuesday night on Nigerian television, he also accused the international media of orchestrating a campaign against Nigeria's repatriation programme.

# Africa's poverty likely to bring recurring famine

By Richard Dowden

Drought inAfrica merely brought forward the disaster which has caused hundreds of thousands of people to die of starvation and hunger-related diseases, says a report published yesterday in London by the independent Commission on International Humanitarian Issues.

Food production has been dropping by two per cent per year for 14 years and disaster would have struck in 1988. The drought precipitated it, but underlying poverty due to lack of investment is the basic cause.

"Poverty in Africa is increasing . . . The world has enough to eat. The difficulty is that nations and individuals often lack the means to purchase it," the report says. It predicts that famine may recur in Africa because of inadequate food production, increasing population, and drift to the towns.

It urges continued relief assistance to avert or contain the famine and more development aid

● A crucial two day meeting opens here today for the UN Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD) whose future is still uncertain (John Earle writes).

The main difficulty is whether its Opec members can pledge $240 million as their contribution to a scaled-down budget of $600 million for the three year period 1985-87.

# Howe to visit Gibraltar next month

From Our Correspondent
Gibraltar

Sir Geoffrey Howe, the Foreign Secretary, is to visit Gibraltar early next month. He will be the first British Foreign Secretary to do so in more than 13 years.

During his stay, from June 7-8, Sir Geoffrey intends to review developments on the Rock since the meeting in Geneva which led to the full frontier opening by Spain on February 5.

Local politicians have welcomed the announcement of the Foreign Secretary's visit, particularly the Chief Minister, Sir Joshua Hassan, who told reporters yesterday that it was "essential" for Sir Geoffrey to assess Gibraltar's situation at first hand.

● PARIS: Sir Geoffrey will visit France next Tuesday for a meeting with his French opposite number M Roland Dumas, the External Relations Ministry announced (AFP reports).

# Singapore leftist held without trial since 1966

From Stephen Taylor
Singapore

A political detainee has been held without trial in Singapore since 1966 for suspected communist links, the Government disclosed yesterday.

In a rare statement on the use of the Internal Security Act, Mr Shanmugam Jayakumar, Minister of Home Affairs, indicated in a written reply to Parliament that of more than 100 regime opponents who were rounded up in the 1960s Chia Thye Poh was the last to remain in custody.

The minister added that Mr Chia had been a member of the illegal Communist Party of Malaysia who had penetrated a local political party, the Barisan Sosialis, and attempted to destabilize the Government through "illegal demonstrations and industrial strikes."

The Barisan Sosialis was the leading left-wing opposition to Mr Lee Kuan Yew's People's Action Party until its leaders were detained in a crackdown

# Banned Demirel keeps control of party

From Rasit Gurdilek, Ankara

"Where Demirel is, we are there". This slogan, chanted by some 10,000 people in a sports hall here for the congress of Turkey's extra-parliamentary True Path Party (DYP), dispelled any remaining doubts that Mr Suleyman Demirel, the former Conservative Prime Minister, is very much in control of the party which is pledged to a political comeback for him.

Mr Demirel, like the man who was his chief antagonist, Mr Bulent Ecevit, a former Social Democrat Prime Minister, was banned from politics for 10 years by the former military regime. But his hold on the party was assured after the defeat on Tuesday of a strong challenge from Mr Mehmet Yazar, a businessman who advocated the recognition of "present realities" to enable the DYP to come to power.

Mr Yazar received the votes of 262 delegates for his candidacy for party chairman, while Mr Husamehtin Cindoruk, the candidate of the group opposed to any accommodation with the legacy of the 1980 army group, received 626 votes.

The new chairman lost no time in confirming his pledge "to hold on to the flag until he could return it to its true owner" and promising "a louder voice from now on".

There were unprecedented strong attacks during the congress on restrictions written into the post-coup constitution, concerning the activities of former politicians.

The DYPs' spokesmen, including mainstream politicians from Mr Demirel's banned Justice Party, also attacked the "usurpation of power" by the Motherland Party of Mr Turgut Ozal, the Prime Minister.

The DYP fared poorly in last year's local elections in which it received only 13.2 per cent of the votes, but its popularity has been shown to be rising

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# THE ARTS

## Interview: George V. Higgins

# A master of classy sleaze, to be read again and again

To Lord Gowrie, he is "one of the best novelists alive". He has been described as the Le Carré of classy sleaze and compared variously to Dashiell Hammett, Henry James and, incredibly, Ivy Compton-Burnett. He compares himself to Graham Greene, "but he's not as good as I am". Yet outside a small circle of devotees, the name and the novels of George V. Higgins go largely unnoticed.

"What is important for us Higgintonians is to get him read as a novelist", enthuses Lord Gowrie who first met him on a mission to Boston for the Northern Ireland Office. "His problem is that he appears in the crime section. That's not what he's really about. He has written about Boston almost as well as Robert Lowell and Henry James. He has a strongly rooted sense of a whole society, from crooks and bar people to lawyers and their broken marriages to the politicians themselves. Above all he has an extraordinary ear for speech which spoils one for other writers".

In his 12 novels Higgins has restricted himself to Boston and its underworld. Time and again, from the publications in 1972 of *The Friends of Eddie Coyle*, he has turned his native city into an ashtray of gunslingers, lawyers and cops who try to stub each other out. The action takes place almost entirely in their foul-mouthed and very funny dialogue – or, more often, their monologues, for it takes a lot, usually a bullet, to stop a Higgins character from sounding off about everything under the sun. His latest novel *The Penance of Jerry Kennedy*,* is no exception. It concerns the life and the troubles of Jerry Kennedy, "the classiest sleaze lawyer in Boston" whose effectiveness as a lawyer is always undercut by his basic Irish-Catholic morality.

Higgins, who sees quite a bit of himself in Jerry Kennedy, talks as he writes; confidently, wittily – and non-stop. "The disability of much current American literature", he says, opening a fresh packet of cigarettes, "is that it's written by college professors sitting on their big fat rusty-dusties who don't know anything about law, politics or any subject in which real people make real livings".

Higgins certainly has that advantage. He and his ancestors before him have never sat long on their rusty-dusties. His great-grandfather was an Orangeman who came to America in the first famine, married an Irish girl and converted to Catholicism. His grandmother came from Scotland, married an Irish Catholic and became a Protestant. After driving a truck for Coca-Cola, Higgins worked as a reporter covering the courts in Springfield. Among the first people he watched in the dock were the Mafia. Fired by the excitement of litigation he went to law school and in 1967 joined the Attorney General's Office. "In three years I tried 30 major felonies, from bank robbery to murder. It was great stuff", he says grinding out his cigarette. It was also how his ear became tuned to dialogue. As a reporter he had learned how to listen; as a lawyer he learned how, in talking, people "gave away what they didn't mean to. I found out that if I broke their chronological chain of events they would reveal very different things".

Higgins not only transfers this disruptive technique to his fiction (his characters are endlessly hooked into red-herrings), he also depends in this fiction on the spoken word. "I tell what happens through the mouth of someone else because you get not only what has happened, you also get what the character says he thinks has happened – which is not necessarily what he actually thinks. You therefore get an inkling of his character and what he is likely to do in the future. I get four for one. I've found out things I can do with dialogue I really believe no one else can do".

Higgins is no aeroplane read. He remembers an old woman in a Los Angeles hotel "who got up and chewed me for the bad language in *Cogan's Trade*. She was complaining about the language, when in that book there's murder, robbery and literally the most violent beating I could imagine. I told her 'Don't you think you're morally insensitive'?" Higgins laughs, but beneath its deceptive wisecracks and violence his dense prose conceals a canny grip of human weaknesses and strengths, and as much affection for his cops as for his robbers. Lord Gowrie is accurate in saying that "When you read his books you think of high models and good people".



Higgins: 'I can do things with dialogue no one else can'

Higgins continues to be puzzled that people insist his books are thrillers "I think a crime novel is a novel about crime. Mine are about characters." If he has a weakness, it is that his control over these characters is non-existent. *The Patriot Game* was almost hi-jacked by Bishop Doherty and his present novel in progress finds him 335 pages into a rewrite which uses only two sentences from the fourth draft and a main character who did not even appear in the first.

"There's a simple test of literature," Lord Gowrie concludes persuasively. "It was applied by Auden in his essay entitled 'The Guilty Vicarage'. And that is, do you reread it? You don't reread a whodunnit when you know who's done it but George V. Higgins bears infinite rereading".

**The Penance of Jerry Kennedy (Deutsch £9.95) and a paperback collection of three novels (Robinson £3.50) are published today.*

**Nicholas Shakespeare**

## Television

# Talking point

Andrew R. Bell is a self-cured stammerer who now treats the still afflicted for £300 for a week's course at an hotel in his home town, Kirkcaldy. He takes about eight at a time and the advertisements by which he attracts them are of the "Stammer cured or money back" variety. BBC1's Q.E.D., produced by Sheila Hayman, followed eight stammerers through a course and reported the results last night, a year after the session.

It seems that half a million people stammer to a degree. No one, apparently, knows why and Mr Bell, restricted by time perhaps from elaborating on his theories, is somewhat singular in his confidence about being able to remove the impediment.

He explained that by the time people came to him they had tried everything and were somewhat sceptical. One knew what he meant while noting that a willingness to pay £300 and a week's hotel bill indicated a residue of hope. There was no doubt about the inhibiting nature of his subjects' afflictions. The main focus was on a Londonderry fireman, Mr John Harper, an ambitious man reined in by a gagging stammer.

We saw him desperately trying to buy his children some buttermints. He explained that he had stammered since the age of five. It had social as well as career restrictions. For instance, his favourite drink was gin and tonic but, rather than make himself a source of amusement, he frequently settled for a whisky and dry, which he could articulate less obtrusively.

Mr Bell, whose own voice was deep with evangelical sobriety, took Mr Harper and his fellow-sufferers briskly in hand. "You have been displeased with your speech. You must do everything I ask of you". They must, he said, put their speech in his hands.

What he asked, after some cursory remarks on physical imbalance, was that they should speak, with bodies relaxed, in an extremely slow fashion. "Good morning Monday," they chorused lugubriously, and so they would acknowledge each day, sounding like records playing at the wrong speed.

Mr Bell got them to order their drinks in the hotel bar in the same deliberate way and to telephone home. All managed an explanation of their vocal pace.

At the end of a week, one, Lucia, managed a coherent, normally delivered and touching speech of thanks with a presentation. Mr Bell stressed that they should keep in touch for at least a year and practise three-quarters of an hour each day without fail.

Mr Harper was demonstrably able to order gin and tonic. We saw him later, equally facilely, buying his children buttermints, and performing his duties, now as a leading fireman.

A year after the course, three, including Mr Harper, were speaking fluently, three were making progress, and two were still stammering. It seemed to make a fair case for the Bell method.

**Dennis Hackett**

## Merce Cunningham

### Saddler's Wells

Watching Merce Cunningham's ballets it is tempting to think of them in engineering terms, as structures or machines. Every step has a purpose, every movement a reason, there is nothing extraneous, no decoration for its own sake, and although it may not always be easy to relate the individual elements to the final concept, the result is as elegant, as beautifully constructed as a great suspension bridge.

Once regarded as the *enfant terrible* of the avant-garde, Cunningham at 65 is still using chance elements, electronic music, and many of the other trademarks which made him notorious in the 1950s and 1960s. But perhaps our vision is beginning to catch up with his, because in Tuesday nights programme, part of the American Festival, I was aware of some of the best dancing I have seen all year and dances as beautiful and original as any by Ashton, Balanchine, or Petipa.

Of the three works in the first programme *Pictures* is the only one new to London. Danced to a score by David Behrman for a kind of electronic violin, it is a very quiet, still ballet. The dancers freeze into groups of extraordinary beauty, their bodies making abstract patterns which are silhouetted against the white backcloth.

Cunningham himself makes a brief appearance in this piece and his stiff movements – his feet are now badly affected with arthritis – throw the fluid movements of his dancers into movements sharp relief. This is a ballet of extraordinary beauty, and considerable technical difficulty, marvellously danced.

*Duets*, which opened the programme, is just that; a series of six duets each with its own vocabulary, and each duet briefly interrupted by the appearance of another couple. The dances are wonderfully varied in style.

The programme ended with *Locale* made in 1979 and one of the oldest works to be shown in this season. Originally choreographed for film, it transfers very successfully to the stage. It uses 14 dancers, the entire company with the exception of Cunningham himself, and contains some intricate fast passages for groups of dancers moving on and off the stage which give the impression that the dance is continuing, out of sight, and what one sees is simply the section revealed by the proscenium arch.

Costumes and lighting for this programme are all by Mark Lancaster whose use of colour is breathtaking, and should be seen by every aspiring stage designer. But then anybody who is interested in contemporary dancing, choreography or music of the highest standard should hurry to Sadler's Wells before the end of the company's two week season.

While Cunningham and his collaborators are ensured of their place in dance history, Solid State Art is presenting a number of aspirants for glory in a two week season at the Bloomsbury Theatre entitled *A Bite of the Big Apple – a taste from America*.

The biggest success of the opening night programme was the New Music Consort which gave a performance of *Third Construction* by John Cage, which employed the widest variety of percussion instruments inamginable. Among the dance items the Gus Solomons Company performed *Pedal Rock Rebus* which has some interesting movement Sheila Kaminsky danced a solo, *Natural Pastures* which, although I could not relate the content to the programme note, I found enjoyable and inventive.

## Dance

# Magical Merce

**Judith Cruickshank**

## Cannes Film Festival

# The man with no name rides back into town

**A phenomenon of the past decade has been the Americanization of Cannes. There was a time when American distributors, terrified lest the taint of art should forever wreck the box office chances of their films, shunned any European festival; pictures were only ceded to Cannes when their commercial chances seemed so slim that, the defeated merchants feared, they could only be art.**

**Since then, however, the Americans have invaded Cannes in a big way. American films and American voices are everywhere, in particular dominating the market areas of the festival. In the main competition, 12 out of the 23 films are English-speaking. The French – always Americophile when it comes to the movies – welcome the invasion with the humility of tributary territories. It is characteristic that even the American critics are not billeted with the rest of the international press corps but reside in splendour at the Carlton Hotel.**

**Only incurable Americophilia could explain the presence in competition of Clint Eastwood's *Pale Rider*. It is a conscious effort to revive the traditional western, along with the monumental character that Eastwood established in his Italian westerns. Eastwood, who is the star turn in Cannes, says that he personnally injected into the script the Biblical elements exemplified in the apocalyptic title.**

**The film tells the familiar tale of a gold-mining community terrorized by a big, crooked industrial operator, until the arrival of a mysterious, superheroic stranger energizes them to fight back. The image of the invader-saviour clearly symbolizes a certain view of the American world role, and the message that emerges from the rallying of the community is less that there is strength in unity, as that there is peril in nonconformism.**

**A political contrast is provided by *The Killing Floor*, a dogged and decent account of the labour wars in the Chicago stockyards in the years around the First World War. Forcefully directed by William Duke, the majestic black actor, it tells the story of one black family whose head is played by the gifted Damien Leake, recently seen in *The Cotton Club*.**

**Herbert Babenco's *The Kiss of the Spider Woman* is a Brazilian film, but is in the English language, and depends heavily on American talent. Leonard Schrader wrote the adaptation of Manuel Puig's novel, originally no more than a duologue in an unspecified setting, and the two main actors, William Hurt and Paul Julia, are American.**

**They play prisoners in a Latin American jail. Julia is an ardent, uncompromising revolutionary, Hurt is a homosexual imprisoned on morals charges. The revolutionary's first reaction to his cell-mate is revulsion. The film follows the dramas and development of their relationship, questioning what constitutes real manhood, as each of them discovers nobility in the other and a different kind of self-respect. The relationship culminates in a brief, touching love affair, directed and acted with wonderful discretion and sympathy.**

**David Robinson**

## Jazz

### Mike Westbrook

### ICA Theatre

This is a heady week for anyone with an interest in contemporary big-band jazz. In Soho, the young men of Loose Tubes are turning Ronnie Scott's into a nightly carnival confirming that jazz has both present relevance and years of useful life ahead; ten minutes' walk down the hill, Mike Westbrook is giving the first British performances of *On Duke's Birthday*, the latest of his extended works.

When Westbrook wrote his first long piece, *Marching Song*, in 1967, his orchestra was the Loose Tubes of its day: a bunch of energetic young improvisers with unfamiliar voices and new things to say, searching for a common language. Westbrook gave it to them and has since become, as the billboard says, Europe's leading jazz composer.

Eighty minutes long, in five movements, dedicated to the late Duke Ellington and performed by an unusual grouping of 11 musicians (two trumpeters, a trombonist, a tenor horn, a saxophonist, a violinist, a cellist and a rhythm section of guitar, piano, bass and drums), *On Duke's Birthday* has already appeared in a fine recording, made on its debut a year ago in Amiens. After enjoying that so much, I was puzzled by my own lack of emotional engagement with Tuesday's concert performance. But for a handful of remarkable moments, most of them contributed by Chris Biscoe's saxophones, Kate Westbrook's bamboo flute and voice (in a brief but inspired tribute to Bubber Miley's growling muted trumpet) and Brian Godding's Pink Floydesque electric guitar, the journey seemed oddly flat, short on the sharply defined features and exotic foliage one has come to expect from Westbrook landscape.

Perhaps, though, it was just the stars, or the weather, or even the listener, who could certainly not help but admire the skill with which Westbrook integrated Dominique Pifarely's violin and Georgie Born's cello into the fabric of a jazz ensemble. This week's composer would have smiled on that, and on much else besides.

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## Opera

# Keep-fit singing classes

### Rigoletto

### New Theatre, Cardiff

*Rigoletto* is an opera hoping to be better than it is, which is one reason why there is so much open pretence in it and so much cause for uneasy laughter as well as tears. One can hardly just take it seriously, unless, as in Jonathan Miller's ENO production, it is subjected to a conjuring trick which converts it into something else. Needless to say, this is not Lucian Pintilie's way in his new production for the Welsh National Opera. Following his circus *Carmen* for this company, he has provided a *Rigoletto* which similarly does nothing to disguise what is tawdry in the work while yet dealing honestly with what is touching. It is, indeed, perhaps a deeper honesty which seeks to move our sympathies in response to the work, even to its beleaguered creator, rather than to the characters.

Zoë Dominic



Lyrical: Donald Maxwell (right) as Rigoletto

One is, finally, moved not by the misfortune of the jester but by that of Verdi as a precious ideal slips from his grasp.

If this is to happen, of course, there must be some obstacles to an easy identification with the action, and Mr Pintilie presents plenty. As the orchestra begins, a man who will be Rigoletto walks on, and a black beroped curtain is clawed up: this is one of many occasions where synchrony between stage and pit is used to suggest not that the music underlined the action but rather that the action asks what the music is about. Then the first scene is played as at Trimalchio's feast, in tacky decadence and ironic travesty. One wonders how anything real can take place in this milieu, but Monterone, appearing as a nineteenth-century gentleman, suddenly sobers up the proceedings, so that his abasement can seem as disgusting as it must in this critical production.

In the second act, Mr Pintilie concerns himself at first with an easier target: the bravura aria. The Duke is discovered in a corner of his private gymnasium, stripped to terracotta longjohns, being patted by a masseur in time to the music and attended by boy odalisques. This is singing as keep-fit.

Later the chorus are on stage to bring food, drink and encouragement to psyche him up for his cabaletta. The Aunt Sallies are obvious, maybe, but the quick wits of those on stage make it a marvellous moment, all the truer, it must be said, for a certain throatiness in Dennis O'Neill's wholly unabashed Duke.

He is more suave in the third act, which Mr Pintilie situates in a cellar. The crucial duets between Rigoletto and Gilda have thus moved lower as they and Verdi have sought after truth. In the first act they were placed on a balcony, parading themselves in frank artificiality. In the second, they were on the ground floor, with Rigoletto at least still making an exhibition of himself, his plea for pity greeted by applause and flowers from the chorus. Now they sing only for themselves, and the nice musical partnership between Anne Dawson and Donald Maxwell comes into its own. Miss Dawson developing from girl into angel, Mr Maxwell becoming ever more lyrical.

In this act there is also strong support from Wendy Verco's smoky yet smoothly phrased Maddalena and from Sean Rea's sullen assassin. It is altogether appropriate, since the comedy of tragic music is what we are being asked to consider, that the score should be so full-bloodedly projected under Richard Armstrong.

**Paul Griffiths**

● Carmen *opens at Glyndebourne on Tuesday, not Monday, as was stated on yesterday's Arts Page.*

## Concert

### Philharmonia/Giulini

### Festival Hall

There is solemnity and solemnity. Tuesday night's occasion, a performance under Carlo Maria Guilini of Bethoven's *Missa Solemnis*, was undoubtedly a solemn one. It marked the one hundredth anniversary of the birth of Otto Klemperer, who was central to the achievement of both the old Philharmonia and the New Philharmonia, and to begin it there was a brief minute's silence (presumably) in his honour.

But Giulini's performance of the Solemn Mass inhabited a world of solemnity which I often wondered if Beethoven would recognize. It was concerned with beautiful sounds, with long legate phrases and deep-felt sentiments. It passed before us like some vast ocean vessel emerging out of the mist, impressing by its sheer sense of bulk but disappearing again (in Beethoven's oddly insubstantial final bars) like a vision which has never quite come into focus.

Beethoven, surely, inherited his sense of solemnity from Haydn, Mozart, and perhaps Cherubini – the finest composers whose church music he knew. There is an immense life-giving fervour in the Mass, a juxtaposition of the individual's supplication with a choral storming of the heavens that can often seem incoherent in performance.

Giulini was never incoherent for a moment; it was as if the massive puzzles of the work did not exist for him. But he achieved a broad and even tone only by playing down to a quite unacceptable degree the rough edges, the violent, jangling gestures, the ever-darting thoughts with which Beethoven filled his music. And so the Philharmonia Chorus, prepared by Giulini's old associate Roberto Benaglio, was wonderfully mellifluous in the moments of quiet intensity.

The soloists, who perhaps represent the human race as individuals, were individual indeed: Elizabeth Harwood, Alfreda Hodgson, Siegfried Jerusalem and Robert Lloyd each had strong, distinctive voices and distinctive responses that rarely blended well; but occasionally, as in Miss Hodgson's "miserere nobis", they broke through the mask of Giulini's solemnity.

**Nicholas Kenyon**

## Theatre

# Modern Vienna

### Measure For Measure

### Young Vic

Having evolved through other twentieth century settings on other stages, Shakespeare's Vienna comes fully up to date in David Thacker's production. The city is now run from a boardroom, with a chubby middle-aged secretary replacing the retinue of attendants; and when the Duke takes his sabbatical his place is filled by a tight-mouthed managerial underling who embarks on the moral crusade in a spirit of mercantile thrift.

This is not a show that goes out of its way to plug any ruling concept. As a low-budget revival of an A-level text, it has two good reasons for not sticking its neck out. Mr Thacker's main decision is to put the company into business suits and PVC macs, and secure lucid, sometimes over-deliberated, delivery; and then leave it to the spectators to spot the connections between our world and a society governed by cold-blooded contractual obligations with appeals to the repressive values of a former age.

There are, therefore, no steamy evocations of the Vienna's red-light district; and some of the lead performances are decidedly partial. Joanna Foster's Isabella is an uncomplicatedly sympathetic girl, easily moved to tears, but totally shorn of religious fury and feelings of revenge. Peter Guinness's Duke fatally explains and defends his actions instead of asserting arbitrary authority.

Mr Gillett, however, offers a high-charged perfectly focused study in puritan corruption; and Bob Edwards's Lucio, a white-jacketed playboy in fun glasses who would be equally at home running a massage parlour or hosting a chat show, reconciles all the part's contradictions in a figure drawn straight from the street life of the 1980s. Supporting pleasures include a silkily ironic Escalus (Randal Herley), and an obstreperous Elbow (Roger Watkins) in cheesecutter cap and bulled boots.

**Irving Wardle**

### A Bloody English Garden

### The New Vic, Bristol

History accelerates and with it social entropy: the generations are becoming increasingly segregated in terms of habits, perceptions, vocabulary. Two extremes of this fragmentation – a frail war widow living in the resonant past, and an embittered skinhead existing in a very attenuated present – provide the poles on which Nick Fisher has draped his play.

Mike is a born leader of men – though his angrily menacing cohorts in their high rise cherry reds pursue determinedly boyish diversions. We first see them trashing a clump of saplings freshly planted by an optimnistic local council, though Mike alone is nicked for the crime. Sentenced to community service, he finds himself clearing the widow's back garden of its accumulated jetsom. It gradually transpires that Mike reminds her of the husband she lost in the war. It also transpires that Mike has a heart and a conscience.

It might be easy to be sceptical about all this – it would definitely be hard not to be. This is very much Radio 4 territory and at times the piece does seem to have been designed to assuage the misgivings that oldsters quite properly entertain about the young and unbridled. Whether the reverse was also intended I cannot guess, but I do sometimes suspect that plays like this are constructed from kits.

Parallels between the 1930s and the 1980s are drawn in the thickest felt tip imaginable – fascism, unemployment, you name it – and we are treated to some unnecessary and disruptive flashbacks which include the sinking of a submarine.

Andy Jordan's production features some vividly authentic skinhead group behaviour while the principals, Stephen Jameson and Mary Sheen, do their best with their exchanges. "For so long", she confided, "I've felt I've been trapped by my past." He responds: "We can't have you thinking like this." But, oh dear, that is just what we can and do have.

**Martin Cropper**



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## The Times Profile: James Abrahamson

General James Abrahamson neither looks nor sounds like Darth Vader. Indeed, the only thing he and the Prince of Darkness have in common is a shared interest in space warfare.

But whereas Darth Vader was the figment of a Hollywood scriptwriter's fertile imagination, General Abrahamson is for real. So too is the "star wars" space defence research programme of which President Reagan put him in charge a year ago.

If the research now being carried out by the US Air Force, the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA), defence contractors and universities bears fruit, then early in the 1990s General Abrahamson will recommend that the United States should go ahead with the deployment of the first stage of a defensive space "umbrella" which will turn existing strategic doctrine on its head.

Supporters of the "star wars" concept believe that President Reagan's Strategic Defence Initiative (SDI), as the project is officially termed, will make the world a safer place and could eventually lead to the eradication of nuclear weapons.

Opponents, on the other hand, fear it could escalate the arms race into the heavens and that the space battles depicted in the film version of *Star Wars* may turn into grim reality. This is what the Russians believe, and many ordinary Americans as well. Although European governments have given the US research programme a grudging nod of approval, many NATO countries feel that such a defence system will create far more problems than it solves.

General Abrahamson, the man in the middle of this political battle of wills, has the unassuming appearance of a cherubic Luke Skywalker. He positively exudes good intent. Aged 51, tall, trim, and quietly spoken, he is the complete antithesis of the caricature image of a Pentagon hawk. It is almost as though he has been chosen by a White House version of "central casting" to emphasize the peaceful intent of the President's space plans.

General Abrahamson does not like the term "star wars" because, he explains, "it projects an image of wartime purpose. The purpose of the programme is very clear. It is to find a better way to preserve the peace, to avoid war."

During an interview in his Pentagon office, General Abrahamson talks about his $26 billion (£20.96 billion) six-year research programme with all the enthusiasm of a schoolboy explaining the merits of a favourite racing car.

At one stage he produces a series of coloured slides to illustrate the sort of weapons he hopes one day to launch into space. "That's a rail gun. That will be able to fire a solid projectile at 20 to 30 miles per second. This laser must be able to put out 25 megawatts of power to destroy a target in space 1,800 miles away. This computer, the size of a child's building block, will be able to carry out 40 million operations per second."

General Abrahamson is clearly fascinated by the scientific and engineering aspects of a project which would constitute the largest and most sophisticated technological feat the world has seen.

The long-term goal is to establish a network of permanently orbiting battle stations capable of shooting down Soviet intercontinental ballistic missiles shortly after they lift off, or of destroying the nuclear warheads that have separated from their booster rockets and are hurtling through space towards targets in the United States.

To accomplish such a task, General Abrahamson has a relatively modest staff of about 100. Far more important, however, are the scientific resources he can tap at American universities and high-tech plants. Already tens of thousands of scientists are involved in projects which could have applications for a space defence system.

### BIOGRAPHY

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| 1933 | Born Williston, North Dakota. |
| 1955 | Graduated from Massachusetts Institute of Technology; Commissioned into US Air Force. |
| 1961-64 | Assigned as spacecraft project officer on the "Vela" nuclear detection satellite programme in California. |
| 1964-65 | Service in South-East Asia, flew 49 combat missions. |
| 1966 | Graduated from air command and staff college at Maxwell Air Force base, Alabama. |
| 1967-69 | Trained as astronaut for the Air Force's manned orbiting laboratory programme, which was cancelled in 1969. |
| 1969-71 | Served in the White House as member of the National Aeronautics and Space Council. |
| 1971-73 | Director of the "Maverick" air-to-ground missile programme. |
| 1974-76 | Inspector-General of Air Force systems command. |
| 1976-80 | Director of the F-16 fighter programme. |
| 1981-84 | Associate administrator of NASA in charge of space shuttle programme. |
| 1984 | Director of Strategic Defence Initiative (SDI) organization. |

The general seems genuinely enthusiastic about the prospect of British and other European scientists taking part in "star wars" research, even though some of his Pentagon colleagues do not share this view.

"I have worked with most countries in Europe and I know what's going on there. We can use their talents," he says. As he talks a team of French scientists in an adjoining office discuss the possible use of lightweight French mirrors for space-based laser guns.

However, General Abrahamson feels the political benefits of the Europeans joining the "star wars" programme are more important than the technological ones. "If we decide to go ahead with the deployment of a space-based defence system, it is very important that our allies know exactly what is involved and are a part of the project."




The general is one of a new breed of US Air Force officers who are as much scientists as they are servicemen. In fact he likes to describe himself as a "technologist" and confesses to a frustrated ambition to be an astronaut – which he almost achieved until the US Air Force's manned orbiting laboratory programme was scrapped in 1969.

A graduate of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT), he served as a combat pilot and a test pilot before becoming manager of several key air force weapons programmes, including the F-16 fighter. Between 1981 and his appointment as director of the SDI organization last April, General Abrahamson was in charge of NASA's space shuttle programme – a task that not only required great technological know-how but also considerable political skills in navigating funding requests for the shuttle programme through Congress.

There is little doubt that General Abrahamson owes his job as much to his ability to communicate the concept of "star wars" as a political ideal as to his technical know-how.

Much of his time during the past year has been spent talking to congressmen, scientists and other interested groups in an attempt to persuade them that it is worth spending $26 billion of taxpayers' money on researching a project which might not actually work or might be scrapped by a future administration.

He also has to counter arguments that a space defence system could upset the delicate "balance of terror" between the US and the Soviet Union that has prevented the outbreak of a nuclear war for the past 40 years. The Russians have tied progress in the new Geneva arms talks to the US abandoning its "star wars" programme – and many Americans feel the US should do just that.

General Abrahamson has proved a skilful advocate of space defence largely because he believes – fervently – that this offers the only way to break out of the nuclear arms race based on a suicidal doctrine known as "mad" (which stands for mutual assured destruction).

"I am convinced that 'The Force' is with us," he jokes, using a term from the *Star Wars* movie to support his belief that public opinion is swinging towards SDI.

His argument in favour of "star wars" is essentially a moral one. A system based on one superpower's ability to blow the other to smithereens is immoral. A non-nuclear space-based defensive system on the other hand, which can destroy missiles before they hit their targets, could eventually make intercontinental ballistic missiles redundant. That would be one giant step for morality.

"What we are really talking about is a revised deterrence strategy, one that is more in keeping with the value system of the Western world", General Abrahamson says.

"Many people are afraid of the nuclear age. You find it in the way children say, 'well, maybe we will never grow up.' You see it in the way anti-nuclear protesters express their unwillingness to continue to live with this nuclear gun pointed at their heads. So we must find a system whose primary purpose is to protect."

Although a workable space defence system is still a long way off, General Abrahamson is convinced the US and the Soviet Union can switch from a system of deterrence based on offensive weapons to one based on defensive ones if both countries are prepared to cooperate. But it is up to the Russians to prove their sincerity by showing they do not wish to dominate the world, he adds.

"If the Soviets are really only interested in protecting their society and their own peoples' lives, if they are willing to stop using nuclear blackmail, then we ought to be able to proceed on a fairly straightforward transition to a defensive system."

"But much has to be done before that. Lasers, neutral particle beams and kinetic energy weapons must be tested to see which are most practicable for space warfare. Ways must be found to lift massive battle stations, weighing 50 tons or more, into space. Laser-aiming mirrors must be perfected so that they are capable of directing beams at targets thousands of miles away in space."

Even such a "star wars" enthusiast as Abrahamson admits there is no hope of devising a "super weapon" that will guarantee the US's security.

"There's no such thing as a perfect defence. What we've got to do is devise as foolproof a system as possible to defend ourselves against the single most dangerous weapon that man has produced, the nuclear ballistic missile."

If he can do that, then General Abrahamson will have taken a big step towards making the world a safer place and – as in the film version of *Star Wars* – "good" will have scored a victory over "evil".

**Nicholas Ashford**

FINDINGS

A series reporting on research: ASTRONOMY

## Is anything out there?

Astronomers have always wondered if there are planets circling other stars. We have some tantalizing hints that this may be so but no definite proof. For the last few decades we have observed that some small stars follow a wavy path across the sky, which was thought to be due to the gravitational influence of giant unseen planets. In 1983 an astronomical satellite called IRAS discovered a ring of debris around the bright star Vega which many believed could be associated with a planetary system.

Two recent discoveries strengthen the belief that there really are other planets in space. Astronomers have found a small, peculiar body in orbit around a nearby faint star called VB8; and a disk of dust and ice has been found around the star B Pictoris. The disk extends some 40 billion miles from the star and is an estimated 100 million years old. It could be similar to the cloud of debris that once orbited the young Sun and out of which our own solar system formed.

### Pyramid power

*Theories about the astronomical alignment of Egypt's pyramids abound. One of the most popular is that the main passage into the great pyramid of Khufu at Thebes was built so that the pole star, then a faint star in the constellation of Draco, could shine down it. If true this would have been a remarkable feat of engineering.*

*Now, however, a better explanation has been proposed. The passage is inclined at just the right angle for limestone blocks to slide over granite when lubricated by water, dust and olive oil frequently used by the ancient Egyptians. Computer analysis of the orientation of the passageway now indicates that the pole star of 5,000 years ago did not shine down it.*

### A Rosat future



**Planning and construction is underway of the exciting Rosat astronomy mission due for launch from the space shuttle in 1987. Rosat is a West German-led mission with involvement by the US and Britain. It will carry into space two telescopes to survey the entire sky sensitive to light of very short wavelengths. Such a sensitive survey of this type has not been carried out before and it is hoped that 100,000 new objects will be discovered.**

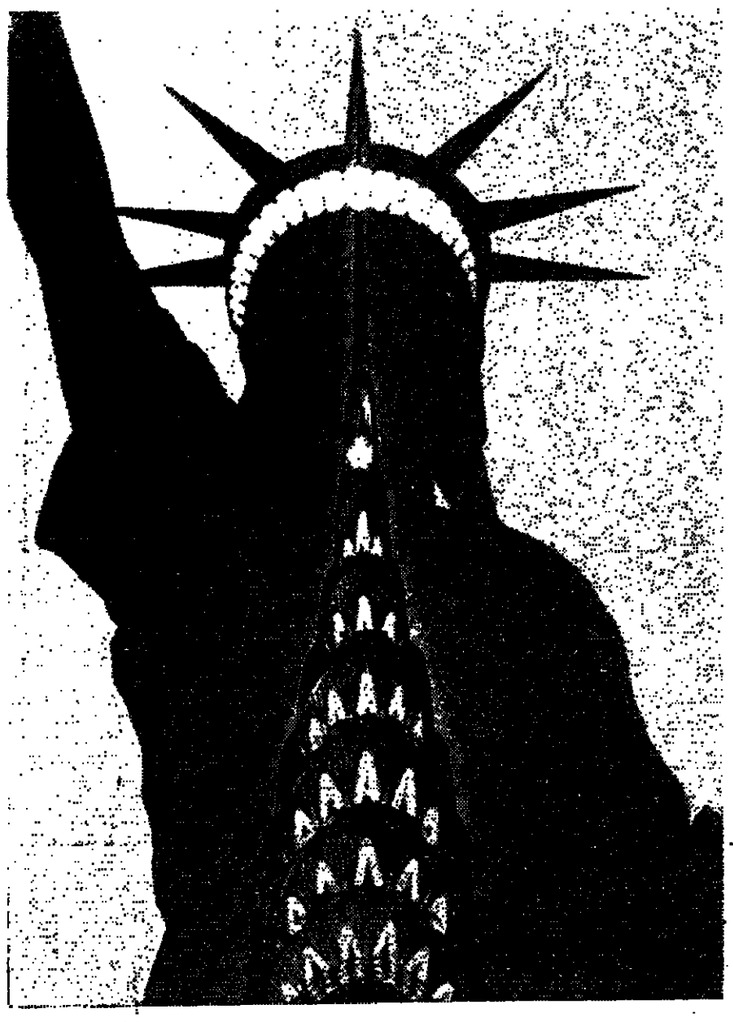
### Einstein is OK



*A recent experiment has confirmed yet again Einstein's remarkable hypothesis of the expanding universe. From this we can imply that at some time in the past everything – all matter, space and even time – had its origin in a cataclysmic explosion called the big bang. One of the most important measurements we can make is to find out how fast the universe is expanding and determine what astronomers call the Hubble parameter. A US team recently observed several images of a distant object called a quasar, whose light had been split by the gravity of a much nearer galaxy in a "gravitational lens". Because of the varied brightness, researchers were able to measure the time delay between the two paths of light and estimate the Hubble parameter. Their result confirms that no revision of the scale of space is needed.*

**David Whitehouse**


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# Honest, your honour, I did it

**The doorbell rings, a policeman calls: Denis Herbstein is rudely awakened by a dawn arrest**

When the bell rang at seven one winter's morning it could only have been the postman, unable to stuff the gardening catalogue through the letter box. If I'd thought it was the *Watch Tower* people I'd have put on my dressing gown. But on the doorstep were PC Emery, accompanied by WPC Anderson and, waiting in the car I was to learn in a while, a third member of the redoubtable Kentish Town constabulary.

"Are you Denis Moritz Herbstein?" "I am." "We have a warrant for your arrest in that you failed to attend court to answer a charge of speeding."

Now this is a respectable Highgate thoroughfare, where coppers are rarely seen and never heard. "Come in", I said, hitching up my maroon tracksuit pyjamas.

Mr Emery sniffed the blood-red carpet. He had the air of having been rounding up delinquents all night. "You will accompany us to the station and there we will grant you bail." The house was beginning to stir. From high up mum inquired about her tea. Tom, three years, peered through the bannisters. Nanny, Nicky, newly-arrived, shoved her ear against the bedroom door waiting to hear the worst about her employers.

"But look, I paid it. I'm almost certain I sent a cheque, or wrote to the clerk of the court pleading guilty. Why didn't he phone me, the number's in the book?"

Monday July 4, 1983, I had notched a painstaking 39 runs for *The Observer* in the annual outing against the *Mail on Sunday*, had sunk a celebratory half pint and departed the clubhouse at Teddington. Not enough for the breathalyser but, at 47mph along the Albert Embankment, a little too much for an impoverished London borough.

As the law required, I had presented myself and my driving licence at the nearest police station and offered to pay a fine there and then. "Sorry, you just wait for the summons." Which duly arrived some months later, advising me to appear in the Horseferry Road magistrate's court on a date in December 1983. I was going to be out of the country for the whole of the month, so I wrote to the clerk . . . or did I write, or send an open cheque maybe? It was so long ago that on this dark February morning with the central heating puttering on I couldn't be sure.

"I have a letter, hold on a moment", I said and sped up the stairs to launch a frenzied search of my files, found nothing, put the ladder up to the loft, nothing, was urged to come down and take my medicine. I had located the air ticket to Harare, dated November 30, 1983. But no letter, certainly no record from my cheque stubs of payment of a fine.

"Denis, they say it doesn't matter about the letter, all they want to do is take you down and bail you." Two flights down, jauntily, aggrieved. "You know, I really take exception to this. They have my number in the phone book, why do they have to wait more than a year, waste my time, the police's time . . ."

I would come in my car so they wouldn't have to bring me back. Emery and Anderson left the house, I waited a permissable length of time, warned Tom to keep quiet about this at the Montessori, stepped out casually into the still-sleeping street – to find my car door lock frozen. What could I do but climb into the coppers' conveyance. No lace curtain quivered.

I was bailed to appear at Horseferry Road court the following week, then released on my own recognizances.

Over the next 10 days I prepared my defence, emotionally and legally. I'd insist on giving evidence on oath, swearing that I'd phoned the clerk, done what was required of me. My driving days stretched back many years, with only the occasional mishap; the latest, a slow motion head-on collision with a plumber's van on a farm road in Sussex last summer. Nothing criminal, somebody always ready to insure, no drinking behind the wheel, always clink-clunk.

Yet having lived in this country for many years, I still wasn't sure how seriously my offence would be viewed, seeing that three policemen had been necessary to bring me to justice – one more than for Ronald Biggs.

The trial was a typical English understatement. Nobody wanted to swear me on oath. The magistrate and his female colleague looked like a couple at my old tennis club who were always roped in for making the tea. And I wasn't even asked to explain my non-appearance last time, let alone prosecuted for the offence.

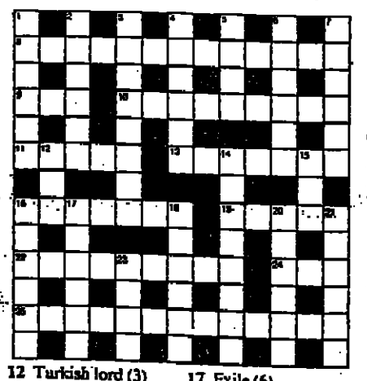
"How do you plead to the charge of speeding?" "Guilty, your worship. But can I plead in mitigation?" (I did not spend five years in law school for nothing). I pulled a newspaper cutting out of my pocket. "I wish to refer the court to a case this week in which Viscount Linley, Princess Margaret's son, was fined £45 for driving at almost 100 miles an hour, going through a red light and then failing to produce his driving licence. Could the court please give me a smaller fine for my much less serious offence?"

The tennis club tea brewer portrayed a hint of patriotism. "We cannot take notice of cases in other courts. Fined £25 and three points on your licence. Next case please."

**Phillip Jones**

Monday's Spectrum article about human drug trials mentioned a large sum paid, regardless of fault, by Roche to the family of Phillip Jones. In fact, while Roche have said the family will receive compensation, no payment has yet been made as the amount is still under negotiation.

## CONCISE CROSSWORD (No 646)



ACROSS
8 Message (13)
9 Make mistake (3)
10 The same (9)
11 New Zealand native (5)
13 Gratified (7)
16 Arranged in tables (7)
19 Turned over (5)
22 Fool (9)
24 22nd Greek letter (3)
25 Pig neck joint (4,3,2,4)

DOWN
1 Holler (6)
2 Rudimentary state (6)
3 Enforced by law (8)
4 Align (4,2)
5 Gasp (4)
6 Zodiac fishes sign (6)
7 Bent (6)
12 Turkish lord (3)
14 Make suspension paint (8)
15 Female sheep (3)
16 Soft felt hat (6)
17 Exile (6)
18 Fashioned anew (6)
20 Military area (6)
21 Awkward (6)
23 Film spool (4)

SOLUTION TO No 645
ACROSS: 1 Frigid 4 Tights 7 Ruth 8 Opponent 9 Trespass 13 Afm 16 Isle of Purbeck 17 Dry 19 Palisade 24 Julienne 25 Zebu 26 Oddity 27 Instil
DOWN: 1 Fork 2 Interplay 3 Droop 4 Tapis 5 Gone 6 Tuner 10 Scoop 11 Appal 12 Sorts 13 Amendment 14 Make 15 Wind 18 Round 20 Annoy 21 Iceni 22 Fiji 23 Full

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# BOOKS

## Exotic warfare: English solitude

FICTION

**Philip Howard**

THE WAR OF THE END OF THE WORLD
**By Mario Vargas Llosa**
*Faber, £9.95*

CRUSOE'S DAUGHTER
**By Jane Gardam**
*Hamish Hamilton, £8.95*

FIRES
**By Raymond Carver**
*Collins Harvill, £8.95*

MY GRANDFATHER'S GRANDFATHER
**By Laurence Lerner**
*Secker & Warburg, £8.50*

Out of Latin America always something new and extravagant and astonishing in fiction. *The War of the End of the World* is a vast, fantastic, flawed prodigy of a novel of a very unEnglish sort. It is based on real events towards the end of the last century in the backlands of North-Eastern Brazil, where a ragged Messiah led an army of beggars, prostitutes, bandits, and other walking-wounded of the world to found an apocalyptic Utopia in the wilderness. They thought they were founding a libertarian citadel, without money, without masters, without politics, without priests, without bankers, without landowners; a world built with the faith and the blood of the poorest of the poor. The new Republic took a different view. It thought that they were trying to restore the monarchy with English money and English spies. And after three murderous campaigns, it eventually wiped 40,000 of them off the face of the wilderness.

The structure of the book is as complex as the underbrush of the scrub forest, into which the freedom fighters vanish like men from the vegetable kingdom. You get imbricated versions of the same event, and a piece in the four-dimensional crossword is filled in 500 pages after the first reference. The characters are like stock figures from an epic: the Bandit turned Hero; the General called César; the Scottish Robespierre; the Peasant Girl turned Holy Mother; and the short-sighted journalist who breaks his glasses and sees the horrors as shadows.

And there is a full supper of horrors, from innumerable throat-slittings to more than enough cutting off of penises and sticking them in the enemy's mouths. When the armies of the Republic set off rattle-snaking into the murderous mountains for the third time, you wonder whether this is not unbearably too much of blood and battles. But you keep reading because of the vitality, towards the inevitable Masada-like ending, and because of the rich intellectual argument about the roots of revolution. Vargas Llosa gives all sides a fair shout of the argument, and presents characters from the very simple to the very sophisticated with understanding. The English translation by Farrar, Straus and Giroux Inc, is occasionally irritatingly anachronistic with its happenstances and every which ways. But even in translation this is a thunderous novel.

If that is a wild jungle canvas, *Crusoe's Daughter* is a subtle English watercolour. It is an extraordinary coincidence that within a year we should get two splendid novels built around a classic novelist with a parrot as a prop. This is Robinson Crusoe's parrot, not Flaubert's; and the heroine is in the centre of the stage doing the narrating instead of sidling shyly on when nobody is looking. Little Polly Flint aged six is dumped in a lonely house on the North-East coast by her sea captain father to be brought up by two holy aunts, their ghastly friend, and a creepy maid. Father promptly drowns, and Polly is marooned for long life in the gaunt house as irrecoverably as Robinson Crusoe, who becomes her hero and her obsession.

The loving girl learns to live without love. The clever girl learns how to live with books instead of intellectual companionship. And you do not have to share her passion for *Robinson Crusoe* as a novel (I prefer Flaubert: more interesting characters) to be moved by the parallel between the much-enduring man who learned to live in solitude without going mad, and the way that women have almost always had to be, on an island. Both World Wars cut off hope of escape. But Polly, more troubled by sex and drink than her hero, picks herself up, and survives, and finds a sort of peace as an old lady, because she has the courage and the resourcefulness of Crusoe. I thought it was touching, terribly sad, funny: a smashing novel.

Raymond Carver is unmistakably American, from the wrong side of the tracks, down among the television suppers, the domestic crises, the blue-collar boozing, and the people frayed at the edges. The stories are sometimes mysterious, but always painfully realistic slices of life. The voice telling them is usually that of a middle-aged, working-class, defeated American. On the one occasion he tries a woman narrator, she still seems to me to speak with a man's voice. They may not sound much fun in summary, but they are jolly good, because they ring true.

*My Grandfather's Grandfather* was born in 1800, says grandfather. He and Jeremy, the narrator, and daughter/mother live in Clapham today, and talk about the past obsessively. Grandfather went to South Africa as a young man, belonged to the Communist Party, married an Afrikaner. The contrast between past and present, young and old, memory and the future are quite intriguing. This must be the first sensitive novel about homosexuality and Afrikanerdom.

## The Acts of Saint Anthony

**James Fenton on Early Christians and depraved Romans**

THE KINGDOM OF THE WICKED
**By Anthony Burgess**
*Hutchinson, £9.95*




This is a very peculiar performance. Mr Burgess tells us in a note that when he embarks on the script of a television series he is in the habit of composing a literary work first. He writes the poem "Moses" before the series *Moses the Lawgiver*, the novel *Man of Nazareth* before the series *Jesus of Nazareth*, and the novel under review "partly for its own sake, and partly in anticipation of *AD*". Perhaps it is reassuring to learn that a novel has been composed at least partly for its own sake. We are told that the "amount of research that goes into a popular television series is not clearly to be seen in the finished product, which has to aim at great narrative simplicity and the conscious elimination of elements which would appear only to the scholar *or the reader of fiction*". So, all that learning was burning a hole in his pocket, and he decided to put it on display in a novel.

But even then Mr Burgess could not be sure that we would understand quite how seriously he had taken his research. Had he not, after all, consulted his authorities in the original tongues? Was he not deeply indebted to the Graeco-Latin edition of the *New Testament* published in Graz and furnished with an *Apparatus criticus* by Augustinus Merk S.J.? This too had better be said, and at the same time the reader should be warned that the fictional narrator, a Jew writing in demotic Greek, makes interpretations, falsifications, and errors which are not the fault of Mr Burgess, they are deliberate. So that on the one hand this is a very learned piece of work, and on the other hand it is unreliable.

All this self-conscious framing of the fiction may seem very modern to a writer of Mr Burgess's generation, but it gives me the pip. Why should the reader of a novel not be entitled to the same consideration as a television viewer? If *it was necessary to do all that research*, could not the scaffolding of the scholarship have been dismantled before the fiction was opened to the public? What is served by all this swank?

Certainly not the story. When the Apostle Peter escapes from prison, he seeks refuge at house of a girl called Rhoda. Rhoda is scared. "She still takes you for a Fravashi" says her mother. "A what?" says Peter. "It's a Zoroastrian term I find useful. Not quite an Angel, not quite a Ghost. A Fravashi. Touch her, go on, hug her, kiss her, show her you're real" Peter has a go, but the girl screams. Her mother remarks: "A good girl but silly. Her name means rose but she doesn't smell like one." I think the last remark is supposed to contain a joke reminding us that although the fictional narrator writes in the reign of Domitian, the actual author has read his Shakespeare.

This is the proleptic style. Listen to it again: "Peter, on his prison pallet, had, though proleptically a saint, no such glow." A trick of Mr Burgess's – and it helps to impede the reader's progress – is to put the clauses in a slightly awkward order. One must not trust the content of the sentence to absorb the attention. Style, in a proleptic novel, is, though fools may rail, the big cheese.

There are many passages where the author shows his skill at imitating the feeblest pornography:

*She seized him with inordinate appetite. The next hour was consumed in a remarkable variety of embraces and penetrations, she was succuba and incuba, mare and rider. They left the bed for the floor, the wall, even for the edge of the open casement, and even then she was not satisfied, though Gaius Silius thought she must grow hoarse with her screams of attainment. Back on the bed, she achieved at last the consummation of her need and her lovely face glowed with a rapture only to be described as saintly. This is, all of it, quite disgusting.*

Yes indeed it is disgusting, but you have to see what is happening here. We are to remember that the fictional narrator is an aged drunkard who suffers much from the weather. Whenever we are faced with a passage of sex'n'sadism, the brain of this fictional narrator gets overheated. Then he sees that what he is writing is rubbish, or not funny:

*Whipped, Matthew said: "We'll have to sleep on our bellies tonight, lads." All laughed at this typical piece of Galilean fortitude, humour, whatever it was.*

The construction of the novel leaves no hostages to fortune. In the second page we are told by the narrator.

*My Greek is not the tongue of Homer or Aeschylus but a sloppy ungrammatical Sabir lacking Attic salt and tending to a saccharinity which sets my teeth on edge. This property is not in the writer but in the language. I could have written in Latin or even Aramaic....*

Is this supposed to be a way of telling the reader that Mr Burgess could have written a good novel, but decided, for linguistic reasons, that his narrator's account must be badly written? The question then arises, why have the narrator at all?

The story to be told leads from the crucifixion of Christ to the persecution of the Early Christians in Rome. It is interleaved with an account of the wickedness of the various emperors from Tiberius to Domitian, scenes about which the narrator must be supposed to know from hearsay. In other words the narrator is not a true participant in the story – he is, for the most part, your old-fashioned omniscient narrator, no more, no less. It is not he who leans heavily on the *Acts of the Apostles* for his story, it is Mr Burgess, but the effect of this leaning is to remind one how much better *Acts* is than the book under review.

It may sound scholarly of Mr Burgess to remind us that demotic Greek of the period is not a highly prized literary medium, and yet for all its modesty it does seem to have given us some eloquent and influential books. More durable than anything in, say, the highly prized literary language of Alexandria.

If one is not convinced by Mr Burgess's use of the narrator, or by his language games, there remains the potentially absorbing subject of the early days of the Christian mission to the Gentiles. But again, as his use of the proleptic style indicates, the author's concentration is not wholly on his subject. Just as the novel is written "partly for its own sake", so the subject-matter is chosen partly for its own sake.

The narrator is interested in the depravity of the Empire. He believes that "literature ceases to be literature when it commits itself to moral uplift, it becomes Moral Philosophy or some such dull thing", and there seems to be a choice in the narrator's mind – either go for the depravity, or cease to be an artist. The choice is false (no doubt Mr Burgess would say that's entirely the point) and it wastes our time. The Christians make their journey from Jerusalem to the depravity of Rome. Rome appears to destroy them, with a little help from Vesuvius, and the narrator is left feeling entirely pessimistic about this world and the next. Mr Burgess tells us he does not share the narrator's pessimism. How exasperating for him to have spent so much time creating him; and how exasperating for us. If only the author had been more frank and said: "Don't expect anything much, this is just a spin-off from a television series," we could have ignored the book, gone back to our firesides, and resumed our browsing through Father Augustinus Merk.

## The art to kill by accident

THRILLERS

**Tim Heald**

THE CROCUS LIST
**By Gavin Lyall**
*Hodder & Stoughton, £8.95*

**Major Maxim, sometimes but not often known as "Harry", is beginning to edge towards Smiley status: an instantly recognizable running character with warts we love to know. Not that he is much like Smiley in other respects. He is action man – aptly named since he is shockingly trigger happy.**

**The text for this tale is provided by an old SOE girl lecturing to Maxim and others on a course. She explains patiently that there are two sorts of assassination. One is a form of publicity stunt; the other is *elimination of a carefully* chosen target. In the second place it may be most effective if the death looks like an accident.**

**A short while later Maxim is on duty at a ducal memorial in Westminster Abbey attended by the President of the United States. There are shots in the Abbey but they miss the President and hit a junior minister instead. The obvious assumption is that this is a failure but what if that was the assassin's intention all the time? Discuss.**

**Intelligent and superior stuff this from an author who suddenly seems to have become *galvanized into steady* production after a maddeningly intermittent earlier career. If he keeps this up the new Lyall may become as much of an annual event as the new Francis.**

● **The Long Journey Home, by Michael Gilbert *(Hodder & Stoughton, £8.95).* I had my doubts about this when the "very beautiful girl" turned up at the end of chapter two and I was seriously worried a page later when she turned out to have a "generous mouth". My fears were ill-founded, however. Not once that I could see did Mr Gilbert mention the Oval Office nor anyone called Boris. Instead he had given us a rattling yarn in Buchanish vein with contemporary spin.**

**His hero is a New Zealander in his early forties, presumed dead in an aircrash but actually walking round Italy fixing up tractors for the peasantry. He is a retired millionaire computer whizz gone native by the name of John Gabriel Benedict. Suddenly, by an astonishing coincidence, he happens to run foul of the computer giant to whom he sold out a year ago. The villains who run this outfit are a couple of four-letter men who were once subalterns together in the Irish Guards, and they appear to be in bed with the Mafia, the Vatican, and the Union Corse.**

**The hero's revenges are well earned and ingenious. I would have stopped a page earlier and edited out some of the vernacular dialogue. In most respects *this is a model thriller from one* of our most accomplished senior professionals.**

● **Freefall Factor, by Tony Geraghty *(Macmillan, £8.95).* In non-ficton life Tony Geraghty is an expert on the SAS, terrorism, the latest lines in parachutes, and things that go bang. He knows what a lightweight Armalite rifle can do, particularly when fitted with an M-203 grenade-launcher. Even more important he has a first hand grasp of the way tough commando-style soldiers behave and talk. Here two of them go off the rails and hijack an orchestra and a ladies' choir *on the tarmac at Oslo airport.* This seems a fairly daft thing to do especially as the hijackers' demands are remarkably half-baked – the release of every single prisoner in Walton Goal, repeal of the licensing laws, and all Fleet Street journalists required to do an honest month's work every year. They want money too, which is a mite more plausible, and they appear to be working entirely on their own which is less so.**

**Still it's authentically tough stuff most of the time and in the face of any carping Mr Geraghty would doubtless say, as his senior hijacker does: "Don't give me that crap. You're not dealing with a novice."**

## Woman greater than she knew

**Patric Dickinson**

DOROTHY WORDSWORTH
**By Robert Gittings and Jo Manton**
*Oxford £1.50*

LETTERS OF DOROTHY WORDSWORTH
**Edited by Alan G. Hill**
*Oxford £9.95*

True enough that a biography is about chaps, but as regards the Wordsworths it is an advantage to know the terrain of Somerset and Cumberland, their actual ups and downs, in relation to the spiritual ups and downs of Dorothy and William. This meticulous account of Dorothy's devoted, selfless life errs, if it does, by leaving her on a kind of flat darkling plain, as if she had never been to the top of Scafell Pike or the near bank of the Styx. But the authors have done what only the best biographers do: they re-create living people.

This has entailed the boiling down into a very readable narrative of a formidable mass of facts. It is not that a vast speculation has failed (as in the case of some biographers), but that a vast agglomeration of *facts has been set into order and* supported with particular honesty. This is a great feat, qualified only by the quibble that there are still a few too many exact dates, and a cast of relatives and friends whose entrances and exits can sometimes be bewildering. (Maybe a family tree would have helped?)

The authors are a bit guarded about Dorothy's curious affinity with William's poetic genius. They approve of the *Journals*, which of course can do no more than hint, but the hints have been blown up into theories of the worst academico-meritricious sort. You cannot refute these by a dignified reserve, but where the authors don't know, they do say so; there is no flagrant taking of sides à la Strachey. There is some quality in the Wordsworths themselves which enters into their true scholars, like Ernest de Selincourt, Helen Darbishire, or Mary Moorman, and prevents, in its old meaning, anything shallow or showy. The Gittingses have this.

It is a relief to have a real Dorothy presented. She was not a prepossessing woman, but one having unique gifts of loyalty, affection and trust (which are amplified in her letters). She was ingenuous but no fool; forgiving and understanding. Nowhere do the authors make this more properly plain than in *their presentation of her coping* with William's love for Annette Vallon, and their daughter Caroline. Dorothy knew, accepted, and wanted to help. There is an inviolable asexual tenderness in her. She loved children, she loved gentle Mary Hutchinson whom William and Dorothy had known since childhood: and then Mary came as a wife to Dove Cottage.

As a girl, Dorothy had found in novels "love is sickening". Now, as it were, she heard anything but a glacier creak in the cupboard. Sometimes one is apt to think of Brother William and Sister Dorothy in a sort of convent-cum-guest-house, sleeps 3 to 15. She had an intensive regard for family – (who wouldn't, after the Wordsworths' childhood?). And the sudden drowning of their young brother, John, on the peak of success in the East India Company, was a dreadful blow to William, as to her, almost mortal.

But the round of baking, scrubbing, sewing, cooking, went on what ever the ferment in her head; and the precarious feeding, nursing, and making of children's clothes, or shrouds. She and Mary bore it, and it wore her out. The authors make no bones about this. William *was* cosseted. All the copying she had to do, as well as everything else, so that S.T.C. could take a sheaf of William's poems to Malta! She wasn't particularly Christian, though she manifested more virtues than many more pious people.

How she did it all is amazing! She was small, only 5ft high, and the only person she could look down on (and did) was the even more diminutive, mean, de Quincey. Her teeth collapsed: she grew to dislike and despise Coleridge. She agonized about lack of money. Yet she and William lit candles to go out and see what was growing in the garden. Her fantastic energies finally failed and she died, doddery, probably the authors think (with medical evidence) of Altzheimer's disease. Why bother with that? She died, as many women did, and still do, of exhaustion.

Professor Hill's admirable selection of the letters is concomitant with the Gittings' biography, which is much better than admirable, but it means jumping from one to the other and back to see who-is-who. In the last of William's Duddon Sonnets, boring as they are, is the great line "We feel that we are greater than we know." I am sure Dorothy never did. But she was.

## The drama of revolution

**Edward Mortimer**

SHAH OF SHAHS
**By Ryszard Kapuściński**
*Quartet, £9.95*

There have been many books about Iran and its revolution: some journalistic, some accusatory, some apologetic, some scholarly.

This one, though written by a journalist (he claims to have covered 27 Third World revolutions!), is essentially a literary work.

Not that it is a novel – not a complete one anyway. The author holds that "you can write a novel about a man, but about a crowd – never", and this, despite its title, is about the crowd much more than the man. But it does read like the raw material for a novel: notes of conversations, descriptions of places, objects, events, people, interspersed with Tolstoyesque generalizations about the tide in the affairs of men.

Alternatively, if we read it as history, the only comparison would be with Carlyle. Mr Kapuściński is not your modern historian, content to manipulate the drama of events from behind a screen. He climbs on the stage himself and wanders about apostrophizing the actors, picking up the props to examine them, tapping the scenery and then turning to address a soliloquy to the audience. In fact one of his literary *tours de force* uses the metaphor of the theatre to tell the whole story of the Shah and the revolution in three short pages.

book hoping for a factual biography of the Shah or history of modern Iran. Some of the "facts" in it are wrong, though they may represent an important mythic truth in the sense that they were *told* to Mr Kapuściński in good faith by Iranians. The history that people believe may be more important to our understanding of the revolution than the history that really happened.

What the book tells you is what Iran *felt* like under the Shah and during the revolution – a necessarily subjective enterprise but to me, at least, much of it rings true.

Mr Kapuściński has no illusions about the post-revolutionary regime. He knows that "Those who have brought down a dictator often act, in spite of themselves, like his heirs" and that the Shah himself "inherited an existing tradition". And he gives the last word to Mr Ferdousi, a carpet-merchant who, having passed all his life in the familiar intercourse of art and beauty, looks upon the surrounding reality as if it were a B-film in a cheap, unswept cinema".


"Only 96 out of 800 O-level students of Eng. Lit., in a recent study, said they'd read any more poetry after leaving school. I'm surprised the figure is as high as that. But some people will say anything to please."

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In this week's Times Educational Supplement Fay Weldon attacks the colonisation of writers for the profit of examiners, and proposes the abolition of literature exams.

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# THE TIMES DIARY

## Courting trouble

Former Labour minister John Silkin is doing nothing to improve his chances of reselection in Deptford. On Friday his firm will be acting as solicitors for Lord Bruce of Donington against Jon Lansman, a prominent member of his own constituency party. Until recently it seemed that fraternal peace had broken out in Silkin's and Lord Bruce's long legal wrangle with *Tribune*. Last month, however, Silkin's firm suddenly started enforcing a court order against 10 employees or former employees of the paper – including Lansman – making them prove that they had paid for shares they acquired in *Tribune* in 1982 to prevent Silkin gaining control of it. Of the ten, Lansman alone has been unable to produce this evidence in the time available, but is confident he can do so. Rightly or wrongly, Lansman, a prominent opponent of Silkin in Deptford, holds Silkin responsible for his firm's moves in spite of the latest peace negotiations. He says they are "petty and unreasonable" and will report the matter to Deptford Labour Party.

## Trap

Veteran animal rights campaigner Lord Houghton of Sowerby threw minister David Mellor off his stroke yesterday as Mellor declaimed the merits of his White Paper on animal experiments at a private Home Office meeting. A private members' bill introduced by Janet Fookes in 1973 had covered the very same aims. Houghton pointed out, but one MP's objection killed it. The Member? Margaret Thatcher.

## Pastoral

Coincidence? Within months of the announcement that Monsignor Bruce Kent is stepping down as general secretary of CND, I hear that his old sparring partner, Archbishop Bruno Heim, the papal envoy to Britain, is also to retire. From his running battles with Kent over the latter's overtly political role, Heim, 74, is returning to his native Switzerland to indulge more peaceful hobbies such as cooking and alpine gardening.

## In brief

If all noble lords followed Lord Mishcon's example, the upper chamber's marathon debate on the abolition bill would be over in no time. On Tuesday, proposing a clause requiring the Environment Secretary to report on each joint authority's performance, the Labour front bench peer made what must surely be one of the shortest ever parliamentary speeches: "Why not?"

BARRY FANTONI




'You realize, Karen, that's one whole Wham album'

## Waive the rules

Alliance and Labour councillors on the now hung Oxfordshire County Council have lost no time in uniting to defeat the Tories. At the reconstituted council's first meeting on Tuesday, they forced through an emergency motion proposing that the council buy the 18th-century Swinford toll bridge, for sale for £250,000, and waive the owner's ancient right to charge a tax-free toll on vehicles pasing over it. Should the Tories ever regain control, however, the bridge will doubtless swiftly be reprivatized.

## Voice from Brazil

Train robber Ronald Biggs enjoys a curious reunion tonight – albeit at a distance. He will be on the line from Brazil chatting to Jack Slipper of the Yard – the former flying squad officer who nearly brought him back to Britain in 1974 – for an LBC phone-in programme. The two men have already been in touch via LBC. Biggs wants Slipper as special guest at a party he is throwing in Brazil to celebrate the 20th anniversary of his escape from Wandsworth prison. Slipper has agreed – on condition Biggs attends a party of his in London.

## Jobs for the girls

My heart bleeds for at least eight of more than 150 MPs who have signed a motion urgently demanding the resources to employ both a secretary *and* a research assistant. Eric Heffer, Stan Thorne, Bryan Gould, Terry Patchett, Robert Litherland, John Marek, Jeremy Bray and Doug Hoyle, all Labour and all enjoying an MP's £16,904 basic salary, already use their £12,437 secretarial and research allowance to employ their wives – an annual household income of nearly £30,000.

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# No charity for those at home

by Paul Vallely

Khartoum

It is more than six months since the peasant farmers and townspeople who live near the road from Port Sudan into the interior first saw the huge road trains loaded with food go thundering past. At first they were impressed, and slightly bewildered. Over the weeks, as it became clear that the lorries never stopped, the sense of awe turned to one of indignation at the discrimination in favour of the displaced nomads and the refugees newly arrived from Ethiopia who have migrated into the fertile central areas of Sudan, 1,000 miles to the west.

Anger and hunger are a potent combination. There is now a growing sense of resentment against the refugees among the native Sudanese. In the past weeks there have been several manifestations of that feeling.

At Kosti, in the centre of the country, in a transit compound where food brought by road is held before being transferred to an antiquated railway system for the final 500 miles to the west, 20,000 bags of grain – 1,000 tons in all – were stolen in two days of rioting. On the first day, three local people were shot dead by soldiers when a crowd of 3,000 used lorries to break the compound's wire fences and began looting. The following day, undeterred by the deaths, a crowd of 5,000 looted the store for a second time. The grain was intended for distribution by the Save the Children Fund to refugees fom Chad and displaced Saharan nomads.

In the east, refugees from Ethiopia have been stoned by local people as they were moved by lorry from the reception camp at Wad Kowli to a more permanent site at Gerber. In one incident at Showak, perpetrated by a group of Nigerians who had themselves settled in the region only in the past two decades, six Tigrean refugees had to have wounds stitched after being stoned.

Nor have those Ethiopians been spared who have decided to leave Sudan and return to their homeland in Tigré. There are reports of returning refugees being robbed of the supplies they had saved for the 50-day walk back to the Ethiopian highlands. One group of Sudanese who stole a large amount of cooking oil from Tigréans were flogged by Sudanese soldiers and forced to drink it.

Not that the Sudanese army is seen as the friend of refugees: last week, the rape and beating of an Ethiopian woman by soldiers at Wad Kowli was reported to the United Nations high commissioner for refugees, the latest of many such incidents in various camps along the frontier. "Every Ethiopian woman who crosses the border deserves to be raped as the price of admission", said one camp manager in the presence of western aid workers.

Since the ousting of President Nimeiry, Sudan's new leaders have issued several statements declaring their commitment to a policy of hospitality to all refugees and have appealed for increased international aid on the strength of it. But there seems small conviction among the middle-ranking officials who actually run the camps that the renewed commitment should be implemented with any enthusiasm. Three months ago the then governor of the eastern region of Kassala told Nimeiry that if any more refugees were to be admitted then Nimeiry would have to come and feed them himself; the men who worked for him continue to administer the camp of 100,000 Eritrean refugees at Wad Sherrife.

Their response to evidence that some cheating was going on in the camp to gain double rations was to close registration, leaving thousands of newcomers without food for more than two weeks.

"Unless a sensible system can be found to feed the local people who live near to refugee camps, then tensions like this will grow", said Nicholas van Praag of the UN commission for refugees.

One response has been for aid agencies to turn a blind eye to rather loose definitions of what constitutes a refugee. Is it only someone who has recently crossed the border from Ethiopia or would a person qualify who left 10 years ago and has since been living in Sudan?

Such an open policy is well intentioned, but the effect is to turn the camps into magnets for everyone in the east of Sudan who feels that life on the dole would be an improvement on his present condition. In an attempt to keep such people in their own villages the State Department in Washington recently authorized the official US aid agency to begin a distribution of food through the charity, Care, to villages around the camps.

The long-term effect of such political expediencies will reverberate through the collapsed Sudanese economy for years. Aid in such quantities will probably knock the bottom out of the market for locally grown produce, and once the cycle of dependence is created on such a scale, incentives for individual farmers to invest time, effort and seeds in the land may be lost. Such a state of affairs occurred in the south of the country only a few years ago when large quantities of UN aid to refugees along the border with Uganda depressed the price of staples such as rice and sorghum to below the cost of production for hundreds of miles around.

But as in so many African emergencies the long-term good does not seem a realistic alternative to solving the pressing problems of the moment.

Bernard Levin: the way we live now

# All the news, as long as you're fit

Everybody grumbles about the *New York Times*, said Mark Twain (or possibly it was some other fellow who looked like him), but nobody does anything about it.

A few weeks ago, visiting New York, I did something about it: I brought back the Sunday edition. That, I may say, is an achievement more lightly claimed than carried out; indeed, it could scarcely be carried out at all. I weighed it when I got home; it turned the scale at 6lb 11oz. I then counted the pages; there were 402 in broadsheet (the size of the page you are reading) and 458 in tabloid. In addition, there were separate advertisement insertions totalling another 64 pages. (I did not, I discovered, have the complete edition; certain sections, of local suburban interest, are distributed only in the relevant places and not in the metropolitan circulation area. I am most *frightfully* obliged.)

The first thought that occurred to me in contemplating this experiment in acromegaly (actually, the *second* thought, the first being of murder), was to wonder how it ever gets delivered. I pictured the traditional scene of the paper-boy, style of Norman Rockwell, whistling cheerfully as he pedals on his round, and tossing the paper, with well-practised aim, on to the doorsteps of his employers' customers, but apart from the obvious hazards, such as a boss-shot going through a window and killing the entire family at breakfast, together with the necessity for the paper-boy to be a trained shot-putter of more or less Olympics quality, there must be a problem of stock; no bicycle basket or saddle-bag ever invented could hold more than two of these monsters at a time, and the paper-boy would therefore be obliged to go back and forth for fresh supplies so often that he could hardly finish his round before Wednesday.

Possibly New Yorkers like to read the Sunday paper on Wednesday, but that brings me to the next point, the reading. Our Sunday papers are traditionally read in bed, and I have no reason to suppose that American habits in these matters differ from British. The difficulty of reading a newspaper which weighs as much as a combination of the *Oxford Dictionary of Quotations* and a very large haddock can be got round, of course, by separating the paper into its several (*very* several) sections, but that only solves one problem to pose another; on enquiring at the New York Missing Persons Bureau I learnt that at least 20 people a year are reported to have vanished from the city without trace, only to be found (in some cases years later) suffocated under a blanket consisting of 924 pages of the *New York Times*. (At the Welfare Department I discovered that there are constant complaints from tramps who have wrapped themselves in the Sunday paper before settling down for a winter's night on a park bench, only to find that it rendered them so hot that they were obliged to get up and roll in the snow in order to avoid spontaneous combustion.)

Now let us examine the evidence, taking it section by section. Section 1, itself divided into two parts, contains the main news. It has 68 pages in all, starting with news of the president's legislative plans and ending with engagement and wedding announcements, one of the latter appearing under the memorable headline "Sibyl Peyer has Nuptials", which sounds like a very unpleasant insinuation, of the kind that in our country is to be found not in respectable newspapers but chalked on the walls of school playgrounds. There was also "Dentist affianced to Miss Copeland", and "Susan L. Breshears Exchanges Vows With Birch Bayh 3rd, a Fellow Lawyer"; (Mr Geoffrey Wheatcroft has proposed that a new typographical symbol should be designed, which would be understood to mean "I have not made this up". Consider it used here.)

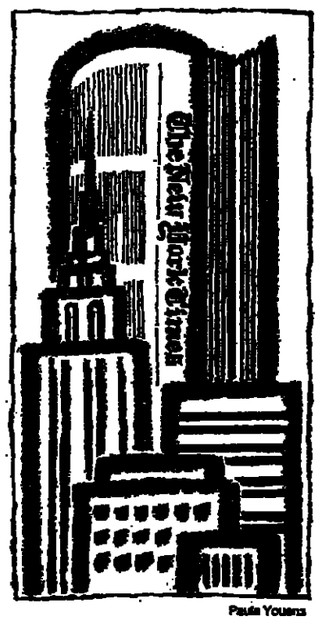
Section 2 is Arts and Leisure; there are 38 pages of it. The main story on the front page is headed "New Museums Harmonize with Art"; they do like their headlines exciting in New York, I must say. Still, since most of the advertisements in the theatre section seem to be for British plays and players, we shouldn't complain.

Section 3 is Business; 60 pages, of which the last 30 are advertisements for Business Opportunities and jobs, mainly managerial. Section 4 is "The Week in Review", which has 24 pages, and for reasons not clear to me contains the leading articles, and on page 22 at that.

Section 5 is Sport; 32 pages; sample headline "Hamill Assails Skating Trend". (The cure for mixed metaphors, I have always found, is for the patient to be obliged to draw a picture of the result. I challenge the *New York Times* to draw a picture of somebody assailing a trend.)

Section 6 is the Magazine, equivalent to our Sunday colour supplements; in the week under discussion, it came in two parts, pp. 112 and 88 respectively. Section 7 is the Book Review, in 48 pages. Main headline on the front page is "Writing for the Movies Is Harder Than It Looks"; writing headlines for the *New York Times* must be a hell of a lot easier.

Next comes, in Section 88, Real Estate. It is in two parts; of its 88 pages, 80 are entirely filled by




Paula Youens

advertisements, and of the remaining eight, three are at least half given over to advertising; well, I never said the *New York Times* wasn't profitable.

Section 9 contains no editorial matter at all, its 48 pages being composed exclusively of employment advertising; the section goes by the traditional title of "Help Wanted", and there must be several thousand jobs going, from Accountants to Word Processor Operators.

Section 10 is Travel; 42 pages. Section 11 is the *Long Island Weekly*; 26 pages. (The last 49 pages of the Real Estate section are devoted entirely to Long Island.)

Section 11 comprises the Regional Weeklies, and was therefore, as I said, missing from my copy. Section 12 (80 pages) is devoted to Education, which could hardly be said of those American universities which give degrees in journalism, or at any rate in headline-writing.

The remainder includes two sections which seem to be *hors série*, one, of 44 pages, being an advertisement supplement on the theme of Home & Garden, the other, in 24 pages, containing details, for the week ahead, of television and radio programmes, theatres, concerts and exhibitions. And finally, there is a scatter of inserted advertisements and free offers, and a 64-page British advertising supplement, from which the reader can learn, among much other interesting information about Britain, that Manchester Airport is "close to Scotland . . . and, of course, London".

Analysis finished. I can now throw it away (though I shall need a demolition contractor rather than a dustman) before commenting. And the comment is obvious: who needs it? Who needs a newspaper, even a Sunday newspaper, which would ensure, if a purchaser were to drop it on his foot, that he would never walk unaided again?

In all, there must be upwards of a couple of million words in the thing. No doubt the readers are not expected to read all of them, and no doubt those uninterested in sport, say, or business, will throw out those sections without looking at them, as those not looking for work will ignore the "Help Wanted". Still, you do not have to be a polymath on the scale of Leonardo to be interested in art and books, politics and economics, travel and interior decoration, schools and the property market; how are you to get through the acreage before you and still attend to the duties and pleasures of the day?

Newspapers expand editorially in direct proportion to the volume of advertising they can sell; since there seems to be no limit to the number of advertisers looking for space in the Sunday edition of the *New York Times*, many a forest has to be ravished weekly to provide the newsprint to accommodate them all, plus the editorial matter called forth by the newly-allotted pages. What is more, the *New York Times*, in common with all the "quality" press in the United States, is so badly designed and laid out that even the keenest reader must miss dozens of articles and news reports that might well be of interest to him.

All newspapers live by advertising; in that respect British ones are no different from American. Presumably, if there were the same volume of advertising seeking space in this newspaper, it would expand accordingly. (Actually, it wouldn't, or at least not until the available new technology is installed and working, and when that will be neither you nor I know, though Mr Eddie Shah might be able to offer an informed guess.) Does gigantism, however, make for better newspapers? On the whole, I suspect it does not. I wish the *New York Times* a long and prosperous future; I look forward to many a happy Sunday in New York, eventually enlivened by news of the first lawsuit leading to damages for loss sustained when a careless Sunday reader drops his copy out of the window and wrecks a passing truck; but I think this is one road down which I do not wish Britain to follow the United States.

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Ronald Butt

# A swell rather than a tide

Some time in 1961 or 1962, I had a conversation with Sir Frank Lee, who was Permanent Secretary to the Treasury, which opened my eyes to what I have since become empirically convinced is a general law of democratic policies.

I had asked him whether he found any serious intellectual difficulty in the necessity of a civil servant to alter the course of policy after a change of governing party; he himself, for instance, had been directly involved in both nationalizing and de-nationalizing steel.

His answer was that it was seldom a significant problem since on the whole a change in the prevailing climate of opinion tends to precede a change of government, and to modify the behaviour of the present incumbents, often against their own party's inclinations. There was therefore a logical progression. He cited Harold Wilson's "bonfire of controls" at the Board of Trade under Attlee. It reflected a changing mood and different needs which were not altogether comfortable to Labour's instincts. The logic was that the Conservatives who believed in liberalization should come in and do the job wholeheartedly. They did.

This discussion took place when indicative planning, the establishment of the National Economic Development Council ("Neddy"), and the first painful steps towards a pay policy were the vogue under Harold Macmillan. The same mood produced the Robbins report advocating expansion of the universities and much talk in the Conservative Party of a classless society. Political logic brought in Harold Wilson's Labour Party to do the job properly.

The same principle can be seen at work before almost every change of government since the war. Next Thursday brings another fortieth anniversary – that of the end of Churchill's wartime coalition and the start of the election campaign which brought Atlee to power. The writing had been on the wall long before the coalition broke up. There was a feeling that in decency and gratitude the nation had a duty to provide the millions of soldiers from backgrounds of poverty, and their families, with a fairer society and protection against deprivation.

As far back as December 1942, the Beveridge report on social welfare, published as a White Paper by the coalition, had set the pattern of thinking. There must, indeed, be an attack on "Want, Disease, Ignorance, Squalor and Idleness". A new concept of paternalism changed the thinking of many industrialists and that of the war cabinet, and of many more ordinary people who would not previously have considered voting for a socialist party.

The belief that a new start was possible overrode the apparent pessimism of Conservatives who emphasized the economic difficulties ahead and were cool about Beveridge commitments. The coalition itself had accepted most of Beveridge's principles, and such was the climate of the time that Churchill had promised not to tolerate unemployment and to invest in health and education; he even spoke in 1943 of a "broadening field of state ownership and enterprise, especially in relation to monopolies of all kinds".

In short, the coalition, with its endorsement of Beveridge, and with the Tory R.A. Butler's 1944 Education Act, was itself part of a consensus which pointed to Labour as the natural successor. But the new thinking was accepted with varying degrees of reluctance by most Tories. Those on the backbenches for the most part still resisted it. Only the Tory Reform Group of young returned officers (a very different phenomenon from the pressure group of that name today) wholeheartedly espoused the Beveridge case against "laissez-faire economics".

The same pattern of a change of political climate preceding a change of government has been apparent in virtually every election since 1963. Thus, before its 1970 defeat, the Wilson government had been forced by economic failure to accept financial discipline which, with the general view that incomes policies had been proved unworkable, led to Edward Heath's victory of 1970. Even Heath's about-turn to *dirigisme* in 1974 reinforced the opinion (especially after the industrial troubles) that if this was the kind of policy we were to have, it might as well come more naturally from Labour. So we had the post-1974 Wilson/Callaghan years. Finally, the Callaghan/Healey financial policies together with the general contempt for the so-called "social contract" bred a climate of thinking which was the inevitable precursor of Mrs Thatcher's 1979 victory.

Mrs Thatcher came committed to a revolution of thought quite as radical and profound as that of 1945. There was the same sense that we were at the end of a road: the system of 1945, invented to remove abuses, had created its own. Overspending and borrowing and deals with the unions to buy off inflation would not work: a society with many more individual small owners needed new remedies and the social security system needed reform.

It is against this postwar pattern that Francis Pym's Centre Forward group must be assessed. Is it a pathfinder, like the earlier Tory Reform Group, or is it sailing against the wind? One of its major handicaps is that it seems to be prepared to act as a voting faction, whereas the old TRG was a body of young men trying to convert the mass of members. That cannot be said of Pym's group, which only looks backwards.

The 1974 elections were lost because the Heath government had reneged on the policies on which it was elected. Now Mr Pym and his friends, in the name of employment, want Mrs Thatcher to renege on the policies of 1979 in the name of the failed policies of 1974.

Yet there is no evidence of a general tide in the nation against the general thrust of 1979 policies, and the Government would gain nothing by a retreat from them. The logic of retreat would point to Neil Kinnock, or at best David Owen. The way forward has to be different and new. But on the theme of unemployment, Centre Forward can do damage if the Government fails to respond. If Mrs Thatcher and her party cannot convince the nation of their ability to meet this new need, they will go down to defeat as the Tories did for being out of tune with the times in 1945. But the response must not be backwards along old paths but by new ways forward.

*moreover* . . . Miles Kington

# Rocking back in nostalgia

This corner of the page is being sublet for two weeks from Monday as I am off on a spring holiday to Gibraltar. In all honesty, I am only using Gib as a convenient entry point to Spain, but I shall be interested to see if the Rock has changed much in the 25 years since I was last there, when I was a second-year undergraduate off to spend three months playing in a jazz group in a night club near Algeciras. Ah, those far-off days.

We used to flit in and out of Gibraltar until my passport groaned under the weight of Entrada and Salida stamps and I nearly had to send home for a second volume. One of the first visits to Gib I had to make was to buy a new double-bass bridge. Heavens knows how, but the bass had survived the journey out there in the hold of the plane, only for me to leave it out in the sun on our second day. I came back to find the bridge warped like a boomerang and the strings almost touching the body of the instrument; and yes, there was a shop in Gibraltar which stocked double-bass bridges. A truly cosmopolitan place.

I think it did try to be more English than England, but it couldn't help being more interesting than that. The first cafe we had lunch in was a fish and chip shop, but the main item on the menu was "Swordfish and Chips". And further up the main street was a shuttered shop with a sign on the door reading: "Closed, owing to the death of a member of the family in India". It was the first Asian corner shop I had ever seen in my life, there being none that I knew of in Britain in those days.

All I knew about Gibraltar when I arrived was gleaned from Peter Ustinov and Théophile Gautier. Ustinov had recently made a classic LP called "The Gibraltar Grand Prix", which told the thrilling story of a motor race round the Rock; if you have never heard this collector's item, beg or steal a copy, for his imitation of the world's voices (and motor cars) has never been finer or funnier. The German cars, I remember, were so light that to balance them the drivers had to sit with one leg forward, one leg back, and were forced to blow their noses as the race began to preserve the weight distribution.

If Gib was a place of romance and drama for Ustinov, it was quite the opposite for Gautier. As a young man he wrote his *Voyage en Espagne*, a colourful yarn which I hope to translate one day if nobody gets there first, and having come through wild, tumbledown, poetic Andalucia, he faced the culture shock of tidy, trim Gibraltar, with neat flowers in front of each officer's house as if they had never left Esher.

With my youthful memories, I tend to the Ustinov view of Gibraltar as a place of secret romance. I remember bathing on a beach in Gibraltar that glittered like a peacock's tail with what looked like green, red, yellow and blue jewels, but turned out on inspection to be ground-down, pebbled pieces of glass. I remember saying hello to Laurence Harvey's stand-in – Harvey was making a film nearby with Alan Bates and Carol Reed and we'd got to know Roy, Laurence's stand-in – but the man I hailed turned out, disappointingly, only to be Laurence Harvey. I remember meeting a young girl on holiday, Elaine, daughter of Dr Webster from Dundee, and never quite getting round to telling her how much I liked the cut of her jib. Ah, where are you all now, jewelled beach, Roy and Elaine Webster? And is there swordfish and chips still for tea?

Well, I shall soon be finding out the answers to some of these questions, as the Moreover Expedition to Gibraltar and Points Beyond lands on the Rock and starts brushing up its rusty Andalucian accent. I expect, actually, to find that Gibraltar has changed not at all, and still looks like a small Devon town of the 1950s, while the Bay of Algeciras has altered out of all recognition. That night club in Spain where we played, where Pepe the barman made flamenco noises of surpassing beauty on his guitar and where Enoch Powell, of all people, turned up one night to sit grim-faced through an evening of undergraduate jazz, that night club where the three of us stayed all summer with only two beds between us and still remained friends – will that still be standing? Answers to all these weighty questions in two weeks time.

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# Who will speak for the Palestinians?

Amman

When George Shultz flew into Aqaba on Sunday he looked irritable and his inspection of the guard of honour was rather brisker than the Jordanians might have wished. Maybe it was the bad flight. More likely, Shultz's impatience stemmed from the fact that he had never planned to visit Jordan at all, let alone find himself discussing with King Husain the credentials of Palestinians who might be permitted to talk to the US government.

Indeed, it was symptomatic of Washington's current Middle East policy (as well as its lack of faith in the Jordanian-Palestinian initiative to open negotiations with the Israelis) that Shultz had intended to visit only Israel this month – for the holocaust memorial ceremony at Yad Vashem – before flying on to Vienna for talks with Andrei Gromyko. Jordan and Egypt would be ignored. Only the repeated arguments of the State Department's Middle East Bureau – that both President Mubarak of Egypt and Husain would be deeply offended if he did not visit them – succeeded in adding Cairo and Aqaba to the itinerary.

Little, good it did. While the Israelis insisted that they would never negotiate with members of the Palestine National Council – the PLO's "parliament-in-exile" – let alone the PLO itself, Yassir Arafat, the movement's chairman, was sounding off in Peking on his group's right to direct participation in a Jordanian-Palestinian delegation to a peace conference. This was not what he had agreed with King Husain; nor was it what the king had originally told the Americans that Arafat had agreed. As usual, the PLO leader was trying to heal the ever-growing dissension within his guerrilla movement by ambiguity and obfuscation. The Jordanians concluded that Arafat had again gone back on his word.

On Monday morning Shultz tried to distance himself from the details of the negotiations which the Jordanians and Palestinians wish to conduct with the Americans and subsequently with Israel. He categorically denied that he and the king had examined the credentials of Palestinians who might be acceptable to the Americans and Israelis as negotiators. But he was telling something less than the truth. Both Shultz and the king mentioned several Palestinian figures whose names had already been forwarded to the State Department by the Jordanian government.

Prominent among them was Walid Khalidi, the Harvard scholar who represented the Palestinians during a meeting with Mrs Thatcher in London more than a year ago. Other names were those of Elias Freij, the mayor of Bethlehem; Mohamed Milhem, the deposed mayor of Halhoul and a member of the executive committee of the PNC; Edward Said, the Palestinian scholar and writer, whose book *Orientalism* has become a standard work on western attitudes towards the Arabs; and Professor Hisham Sharabi of Georgetown University, Washington.

The Israelis, however, have already rejected PNC members and are unlikely to talk to Palestinian mayors whom they have themselves deposed. Names like Said and Khalidi may be soft enough for the Americans and the Israelis, but they themselves may be unwilling to be representatives. Said, for example, has no great love for Arafat.

Not surprisingly, Arafat has again incurred the wrath of his own scattered supporters. He was criticized by several of his colleagues at a central committee meeting of his Fatah guerrilla organization in Baghdad two weeks ago. Both Abu Iyad (Salah Khalaf), effectively Fatah's second-in-command, and Farouk Kaddoumi, head of the PLO's political department, claimed that he had given far too much freedom to King Husain to bargain with the Americans. Jordanian and American pressure is thus beginning to strip Arafat of credibility and the Baghdad committee's narrow vote of support – six to five in favour – showed just how serious Arafat's position has become.

When, therefore, the Americans look at the opposition to Arafat they no longer take the PLO leader very seriously. Nor, at the moment, do they take the Jordanian-Palestinian initiative seriously.

Arafat's attempts to re-establish his guerrilla status have also ended in disaster. In southern Lebanon, Shia Muslim militias have virtually imprisoned PLO men in their camps to prevent them attacking Israel. On April 20, a ship containing pro-Arafat PLO guerrillas was blown to pieces by an Israeli missile boat 200 miles off Israel. Twenty of the gunmen were killed and eight taken prisoner. But there was more to the debacle than that.

The Americans were aware of the PLO ship's journey through the Mediterranean and were monitoring its voyage. According to Arab military sources, an American naval vessel radioed the ship's position to the Israelis when it was still 400 miles from Israel, thus dooming most of the PLO men on board. Western intelligence agents in the Maghreb believed that the guerrillas were on their way to attack the Israeli defence ministry in Tel Aviv, a suspicion subsequently confirmed by Abu Jihad, the PLO official who concocted the whole idea.

In any event, Arafat is today so compromised, politically and militarily, that King Husain himself is now faced with a grave dilemma; whether to continue his efforts for a joint approach with the Palestinians to regain the West Bank and Gaza from the Israelis, or to abandon the relationship with Arafat and seek salvation in direct Jordanian-Israeli talks. If the second choice is politically impossible, the first seems, at present, almost equally unattractive. Which is why Shultz is not going to be in a hurry to brave the turbulence over Jordan again for quite a while.

Robert Fisk

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# COURT AND SOCIAL

## COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE

May 15: His Excellency Monsieur Ildephonse Munyeshyaka was received in audience by The Queen and presented the Letters of Recall of his predecessor and his own Letters of Credence as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary from the Republic of Rwanda to the Court of St James's.

His Excellency was accompanied by the following member of the Embassy, who had the honour of being presented to Her Majesty: Monsieur Isidore J-Baptiste Rukira (First Counsellor).

Madame Munyeshyaka had the honour of being received by The Queen.

Sir William Harding (Deputy Under-Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs) who had the honour of being received by Her Majesty was present and the Gentlemen of the Household in Waiting were in attendance.

Mr J. C. Thomas was received in audience by The Queen and kissed hands upon his appointment as Her Majesty's Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary at Athens.

Mrs Thomas had the honour of being received by The Queen.

The Queen held a Council at 12.40pm.

There were present: the Viscount Whitelaw (Lord President), the Lord Gray of Contin (Minister of State, Scottish Office), the Right Hon Tom King, MP (Secretary of State for Employment) and the Right Hon Peter Rees, MP (Chief Secretary to the Treasury).

Mr Geoffrey de Deney was in attendance as Clerk of the Council.

The Viscount Whitelaw had an audience of Her Majesty before the Council.

The Queen, accompanied by The Duke of Edinburgh, this evening honoured the Stipendiary Magistrates with her presence at their Annual Dinner at Gray's Inn to mark their 250th Anniversary.

Her Majesty and His Royal Highness were received by the Chief Metropolitan Stipendiary Magistrate (Mr David Hopkin).

The Countess of Airlie, Mr Robert Fellowes and Major Hugh Lindsay were in attendance.

The Duke of Edinburgh, Chairman of the National Federation of Housing Associations' Inquiry into British Housing, this morning at Buckingham Palace chaired the fourth meeting of the Inquiry.

His Royal Highness, Patron and Trustee of The Duke of Edinburgh's Award, was present at luncheon with Executives of the M & G Group of Unit Trusts at 3 Quays, Tower Hill, EC3.

Mr Brian McGrath was in attendance.

The Duke of Edinburgh, Grand President of the British Commonwealth Ex-Services League, this afternoon at Buckingham Palace chaired a BCEL Commonwealth Council Meeting.

The Princess Anne, Mrs Mark Phillips, Chancellor of the University of London, this afternoon attended the 150th Anniversary Celebrations of the Middlesex Hospital Medical School (Dean, Mr W. Slack) at Mortimer Street, W1.

Her Royal Highness, attended by Mrs Malcolm Innes, was received by the Vice-Chancellor of the University (Professor Sir Randolph Quirk) and the Chairman, Council of the Medical School (Mr D. Money-Coutts).

CLARENCE HOUSE

May 15: Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother this evening honoured the Prime Warden of the Worshipful Company of Fishmongers (the Lord Leverhulme) with her presence at a Livery Dinner at Fishmongers' Hall.

Lady Angela Oswald and Sir Martin Gilliat were in attendance.

KENSINGTON PALACE

May 15: The Prince of Wales this morning at Kensington Palace received the Hon John Cain (Premier of Victoria) and Mrs Cain.

His Royal Highness, Patron, Operation Raleigh, this evening gave a Reception for Sponsors of Operation Raleigh in the State Apartments at Kensington Palace.

The Princess of Wales, Patron, London City Ballet, this evening attended a Reception given by London City Ballet at Skinners' Hall, 8, Dowgate Hill, EC4.

Miss Anne Beckwith-Smith and Lieutenant-Commander Peter Eberle, RN, were in attendance.

KENSINGTON PALACE

May 15: The Duchess of Gloucester today visited the Headquarters of The Army Intelligence Corps at Templer Barracks, Ashford, Kent.

Her Royal Highness travelled in an aircraft of The Queen's Flight.

Mrs Michael Wigley was in attendance.

YORK HOUSE ST JAMES'S PALACE

May 15: The Duke of Kent today attended the "Exporting for Jobs" Conference at Banqueting Hall, Whitehall, and later attended a Reception given by the Prime Minister at 10, Downing Street.

Sir Richard Buckley was in attendance.

The Duchess of Kent, Patron of the International Social Services of Great Britain, this morning visited the Spring Fair at Kensington Town Hall.

Mrs Alan Henderson was in attendance.

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The Prince of Wales, honorary fellow, Chelsea Physic Garden, will attend a dinner at the garden, Royal Hospital Road, on May 29.

A service of thanksgiving for the life of John Fernald will be held at the Actors' Church, St Paul's, Covent Garden, on Thursday, June 6, at noon.



James Stewart, the actor, and his wife Gloria at Heathrow airport yesterday before leaving for the Cannes Film Festival, where *The Glenn Miller Story* is to be relaunched in a stereophonic-sound version.

## Luncheons

**Prime Minister**
The Prime Minister was host at a luncheon at 10 Downing Street yesterday in honour of the President of Cameroon and Mme Biya. The other guests were:
M William Eteki Mboumoua and Mme Eteki, M and Mme Philippe Manga, M Jean Nkuete, M and Mme Abdoulaye Babale, M Edouard Nomo Ongolo, M Benjamin Ilon, Professor Victor Ambomah Ngu, Dr Solomon Nfor Owei, the Ambassador of Cameroon and Mme Oyono, M Jean Baptiste Belecken, Mr John Biffen, MP, and Mrs Biffen, Mr Norman Tebbit, MP, the Hon Douglas Hurd, MP, and Mrs Hurd, Mr Malcolm Rifkind, MP, Mrs Lynda Chalker, MP, and Mr Clive Landa, the Earl of Iveagh, Lord Kindersley, the Right Rev John Tinsley, Admiral Sir Raymond and Lady Lygo, Mr Donald Anderson, MP, and Mrs Anderson, Mr Bowen Wells, MP, Mr Eric Deakins, MP, Mr and Mrs F R Dollins, Mr and Mrs Andrew Clay, Mr and Mrs C Judd, Mr and Mrs John Prothero-Thomas, Mr and Mrs E A J Fergusson, Mr and Mrs M J C Glare, Mr Charles Powell, and Mr Tim Flesher.

**HM GOVERNMENT**
Lord Lucas of Chilworth, Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for Trade and Industry, was host at a luncheon at Ironmongers' Hall in honour of Mr Cheng Fei, adviser to the Chinese Ministry of Foreign Economic Relations.

**English-Speaking Union**
Mrs Bapsy Chubb, Chairman of the Duke of Edinburgh's Award, Maharashtra State Award Authority, was the guest of honour at a luncheon arranged by the English-Speaking Union at Dartmouth House yesterday.

## Receptions

**Prime Minister**
The Duke of Kent was present at a reception given by the Prime Minister at 10 Downing Street yesterday evening on the occasion of the "Exporting for Jobs" initiative.

**HM Government**
Mr J. Allan Stewart, Minister for Industry and Education at the Scottish Office, was host at a reception at Edinburgh Castle last night on the occasion of the "Exporting for Jobs" conference in Edinburgh.

## Dinners

**The Duchess de Mouchy**
The Duc de Mouchy, Director-General and President of the Domaine C Dillon, and Duchesse de Mouchy were hosts at a dinner party at Brook's Club on May 13 to celebrate the fiftieth anniversary of the Dillon purchase of Haut-Brion, the oldest first-growth Bordeaux château. There is a special sale at Christie's this afternoon to mark the occasion. Among those present were:
Lord and Lady Northbourne, Lord Soames, GH, and Lady Soames, Sir Guy Fleon, Sir John Plumb, Mr Mark Birley, Mr Michael Broadbent, of Christie's, Mr Conrad Gregory, MP, Mr and Mrs Rupert Hambro, Mr and Mrs Hugh Johnson, Mr Peter Palumbo, Mr Auberon Waugh, and Mr and Mrs Andrew Lloyd Webber.

**University College of London**
Sir James Lighthill, Provost, presided at University College London Fellows dinner held on Monday after the inauguration of the following:
New Fellows: Professor R J Gillespie (in absentia), Professor G P Good, Professor K O Kemp, Professor Jiad Lu (in absentia), Professor Sir Roy Marshall, Professor G. M. Sifakis (in absentia), Mr J C Sullman, Dr P M Sutton and Professor Vickerman. Honorary Fellows: Lord Scarman and Professor D V Fairweather.
Others present were: Sir John Donaldson, College Visitor, Lord Lloyd of Hampstead, QC, Sir Bernard Waley-Cohen, Sir James Hamilton, Sir Randolph Quirk, Major General Sir Leonard Atkinson, Sir Kenneth Christelow, Sir Leslie Fowden, Sir Frank Harrison, Sir Andrew Huxley, Sir Jack Jacob, QC, Sir Denis Rooke, Sir Arthur Snelling, Sir Robert Williams, Professor J W Mullin, Vice-Provost, and Major-General L H. Baker, Secretary of the college.

**Weavers' Company**
The annual ladies' dinner of the Weavers' Company was held at Vintners' Hall last night. Officers of the company and their ladies received the guests, Rabbi Julia Neuberger and the Upper Bailiff, Lord Brain, were the speakers.

**Trade Policy Research Centre**
Mrs Helga Steeg, Executive Director of the International Energy Agency, Paris, was the guest of honour last night at a Trade Policy Research Centre dinner held at the Park Lane Hotel. Mr Dirk de Bruyne presided.

**Chartered Institute of Arbitrators**
The chairman of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators, Mr F. E. Rehder, presided at the annual dinner held at Carpenters' Hall last night. The speakers were Sir John Donaldson, Master of the Rolls, and Lord Justice Kerr, president of the institute. The guests included:
Lord and Lady Wilberforce, Alderman Dame Mary Donaldson, Lord Justice and Lady Goff, Sir William Stabb, QC, and Lady Stabb, and Alderman and Mrs F W McWilliams.

**Old Bancroftians' Association**
Mr B. M. F. Youd presided at the founder's dinner of the Old Bancroftians' Association held at Drapers' Hall last night. The principal guest was Mr I. M. Richardson, Headmaster of Bancroft's School, who retires in September.

**British Agrochemicals Association**
Lord Mackie of Benshie, agricultural spokesman for the Liberal Party in the House of Lords, was the principal guest at the annual dinner of the British Agrochemicals Associaton held last night. The chairman of the association, Mr A. G. Pike, presided and the response on behalf of the guests was given by Mr D. J. Cherrington.

## Service luncheon

**14th (West African) HAA Brigade**
The annual reunion luncheon of the officers of 14th (West African) HAA Brigade was held yesterday at Armoury House, HQ Honourable Artillery Company. The president, Major John Dettmer, was in the chair.

## Service dinner

**Royal Marines**
Lieutenant-General M. C. L. Wilkins, Commandant General of the Royal Marines, presided at a dinner given by officers of the Royal Marines last night at the Commando Training Centre Lympstone. The guests included Lord Clinton, the Lord Lieutenant of Somerset, the Engineer-in-Chief, the Master and Clerk of the Company of Stationers and Newspaper Makers, and the Warden of St Edwards School, Oxford.

## Congregation

**Royal Postgraduate Medical School**
As part of the golden jubilee celebrations of the Royal Postgraduate Medical School, London University, a congregation was held at the Senate House yesterday evening when the president, Sir Peter Medawar, OM, CH, conferred fellowships on Professor Ian Donald, Dr Malcolm Godfrey, Professor William Hayes, Professor Priscilla Kincaid-Smith, Professor L. P. Le Quesne, Dr Belding Scribner, Dame Sheila Sherlock and Dame Janet Vaughan.

## Latest wills

Sir Alfred John Gardener, of Exmouth, Ambassador to Afghanistan, 1949-51, and to Syria, 1953-56, left estate valued at £392,990 net. He directed that his estate be divided into 200 parts. Among many bequests he left 18 parts each to Dr Barnardo's and the Children's Society, 14 parts to the Chest Heart and Stroke Association, 13 parts to the British Home and Hospital for Incurables, Putney, 12 parts to the Arthritis and Rheumatism Council, and 10 parts each to the Multiple Sclerosis Society and John Groom's Association.

Violet Mary Barnes, of Nottingham, left £370,367 net. She died intestate.

Other estates include (net, before tax paid):
Blake, Mrs Marjorie, of Eynsham, Oxfordshire ..... £348,735
Cornish, Mr Richard Samuel, of Lympstone, Devon, outfitter ..... £343,888
Evans, Mr Kenneth David, of Raglan, Gwent, turkey farmer ..... £551,805

## Forthcoming marriages

**Mr P. G. F. Preston and Miss J. S. Briggs**
The engagement is announced between Philip, only son of Mr and Mrs W. Preston, of Folkestone, Kent, and Judith, younger daughter of Lord and Lady Briggs, of Lewes, Sussex.

**Mr H. K. Haig and Henrietta Lady Greenwell**
The engagement is announced between Hugh Kenneth Haig, of Broomy Hall, Dalton, Newcastle upon Tyne, and Jean Henrietta Rose Greenwell, widow of Sir Peter Greenwell, Bt, of Butley Abbey Farm, Woodbridge, Suffolk.

**Mr C. R. D. Arbuthnot and Miss J. R. Arden-White**
The engagement is announced between Charles, son of the Rev A. R. C. and Mrs Arbuthnot, of Tilford, Surrey, and Jennifer, daughter of Mr and Mrs C. T. Arden-White, of Wormley, Surrey.

**Mr J. M. Baron and Miss B. E. Harrison**
The engagement is announced between John Michael, second son of Mr and Mrs Sylvester Baron, of Felpham, West Sussex, and Bridget Emma, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Michael Harrison, of Beaconsfield, Buckinghamshire.

**Mr J. C. H. Dent and Miss S. R. Ives**
The engagement is announced between Jonathan, eldest son of Mr and Mrs J. W. M. Dent, of Withington Court, Hereford, and Suzie, only daughter of Mr and Mrs D. G. Ives, of Langton Green, Tunbridge Wells.

**Mr W. J. C. Meath Baker and Miss E. D. Woodham-Smith**
The engagement is announced between Clovis, eldest son of Mr and Mrs Meath Baker, of Hasfield Court, Gloucester, and Elizabeth, eldest daughter of Mr Woodham-Smith, of Earls Court, London, and Mrs Theodora Woodham-Smith, of Chelsea, London.

**Mr J. Burgess and Miss F. P. M. M. Cameron**
The engagement is announced between John, son fo Mr and Mrs T. G. Burgess, of Thetwall, Warrington, and Fiona, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs A. J. B. Cameron, of Deanery Close, Edinburgh.

**Mr N. B. Denton and Miss J. C. King**
The engagement is announced between Nicholas, son of Dr and Mrs M. B. Denton, of Putney, London, and Riyadh, Saudi Arabia, and Jane, daughter of Mr and Mrs P. J. King, of Wimbledon, London.

**Mr A. R. Evenden and Miss A. C. Martin-Brown**
The engagement is announced between Andrew, younger son of Mr and Mrs R. J. Evenden, of Exbourne, Devon, and S. Martin-Brown, of Sherston, Wiltshire.

**Mr M. A. P. Hague and Miss S. M. L. Gulliver**
The engagement is announced between Michael, only son of Mr and Mrs P. E. Hague, of Reigate, Surrey, and Susan, only daughter of Mr and Mrs R. C. P. Gulliver, of Otford, Kent.

**Mr J. E. D. Posey and Miss H. F. Morrow**
The engagement is announced between Jonathan, only son of Mr and Mrs E. H. Posey of Raunds, Northamptonshire, and Helen, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs W. E. Morrow, of Courtyard Cottage, Boarzell, Hurst Green, East Sussex.

**Mr A. J. Weir and Miss H. A. Luing**
The engagement is announced between Andrew, son of Dr and Mrs Alan J. Weir, of Brighton, Sussex, and Helen, daughter of Mr and Mrs Peter Luing, of Wallington, Surrey. The marriage will take place on Juy 27 in Oxford.

**Mr N. B. Wells and Miss R. J. Burns**
The engagement is announced between Neville, second son of Mrs P. D. Wells and the late Mr E. H. Wells, of Upton, Wirral, and Rosamund, only daughter of Mr and Mrs G. F. Burns, of Singlewell.

## Marriages

**Mr N. H. Shand and Mrs J. C. A. Corcoran**
The marriage took place in London on May 14 between Mr Neil Shand and Mrs Judith Corcoran, daughter of Lieutenant-Commander the Hon Walter and Mrs Keppel.

**Mr H. Tunstall-Behrens and Miss T. Kennedy**
The marriage took place on May 4 between Mr Hilary Tunstall-Behrens, son of the late Mr and Mrs Brian Tunstall-Behrens, and Miss Tatiana Kennedy, daughter of Mr Ian Kennedy and Lady Vyvyan and step-daughter of Sir John Vyvyan.

Mr Michael Tunstall-Behrens was best man. A reception was held at Trelowarren House, Helston, Cornwall.

**Mr P. Veenbaas and Miss P. Murdoch**
The marriage took place between Mr Peter Veenbaas and Miss Patricia Murdoch in London on May 15, 1985.

## Birthdays today

Mr Bernard Braden, 69; Sir Colin Cole, 63; Mr Don Concannon, 55; Professor Norman Davis, 72; Sir Nicholas Goodison, 51; Mr Roy Hudd, 49; Mr Geraint Jones, 68; Major-General Sir Desmond Langley, 55; Sir John Pilcher, 73; the Right Rev K. J. F. Skelton, 67; Sir Charles Wilson, 76; Sir Russell Wood 63.

## Prince to head hospital fund

The Prince of Wales has been appointed President of King Edward's Hospital Fund for London from January 1, 1986. He will chair the charity's governing body, the general council.

The Prince is the fourth Prince of Wales to hold the office since the fund was founded in 1897. The fund has assets of about £62 million and an annual income of about £4 million.

## Biographies share Heinemann award

The Heinemann literary award has been won this year by Hilary Spurling for *Secrets of a Woman's Heart:* The Later Life of Ivy Compton-Burnett, 1920-69 (Hodder & Stoughton) and Peter Ackroyd for *T. S. Eliot* (Hamish Hamilton). They will share the £3,000 prize.

*Secrets of a Woman's Heart* is the second volume of Mrs Spurling's biography of Ivy Compton-Burnett. The first volume, published 10 years earlier, was entitled *Ivy When Young.*

*T. S. Eliot* was the winner of the Whitbread Award for the Best Biography of 1984.

The Winifred Holtby Prize, worth £750, has been won by Balraj Khanna for his novel, *Nation of Fools* (hardback by Michael Joseph and paperback by Penguin in June).

## Photography show

The Mayor of Bath yesterday officially opened the Kodak exhibition "The Living Body" at the Royal Photographic Society, National Centre of Photography, Bath.

## Memorial service

**Colonel H. J. Wilson**
A service of thanksgiving for the life of Colonel H. J. (Jock) Wilson was held at St Columba's Church of Scotland, Pont Street, yesterday. The Very Rev Dr J. Fraser McLuskey officiated. The Hon Sir Richard Butler, President of the National Farmers' Union, and Colonel J. A. D. Anderson, Regimental Colonel of The London Scottish Regiment, read the lessons. Mr George Cansell gave an address. Among those present were:
Mrs Wilson (widow), Commander Alastair Wilson and Mr Gordon Wilson (sons), Mr and Mrs Rory Wilson (son and daughter-in-law), Mr Melville Wilson, Miss Clare Wilson, Mr James Wilson, Joe Wilson and Sally Wilson (grandchildren).
Lord Stodart of Leaston, Lord Woolley, Mr and Mrs Bryans Gorman Irvine, the Hon Lady Butler, Sir Henry and Lady Plumb, Sir Evelyn and Lady Williams, Sir Richard Trehane, Sir Stephen Roberts (chairman, Milk Marketing Board), Mr Simon Gourlay (deputy president, National Farmers' Union) and Mrs Gourlay, with Mr Sidney Fawcett (vice-president) and Mrs Fawcett, Major Guy Knight (honorary treasurer), Mr Roy Watson (director general), Mr David Evans (deputy director general), Mr Philip Butcher (assistant director general).
Mr D Scott Johnston (director and general secretary, National Farmers' Union of Scotland) and Mr H S Haines (Royal Show Society), Colonel Gordon Maxwell (London Scottish Regiment) and Mrs Maxwell, with Colonel and Mrs D V Penman, Colonel and Mrs J A D Anderson and Mr A Morris (regimental secretary); Mr E J G Smith (representing the permanent secretary, Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food), Mr Jack Scarfe, Mrs George Cansell, Colonel and Mrs Tommy Macpherson, Dr Colin Spedding (secretary, Centre for Agricultural Strategy), Mr and Mrs Roland Burgess, Mr D S Robinson (secretary, Ulster Farmers' Union), Mr D M Milne (chairman, NFU Mutual Insurance Society), with Mr C A Thomas (managing director) and Mr M H Keegan (general manager), Mr J H Nutbeer (Royal Agricultural Benevolent Institution), Captain D S Sherwood (Nuffield Farming Scholarships Trust) and Mrs Sherwood, Mrs J A D Anderson, Mr A O Hitchcock (Potato Marketing Board), Mr H V Whitbread (United Kingdom Agricultural Supply Trade Association), Mr Charles Coad (Wiltshire Farmers' Treasurer), Mr R M Kirby (Edible and Farmhouse), Mr J J Turner (Federation of Agricultural Co-operatives), Mr H Maguire, Mr and Mrs D H Darbishire, Mr J Macaulay, Mr John Palmer and Mr Jim Foster.

## Science report

# Fuel from crops future if oil price rises

By John Young, Agriculture Correspondent

In the next century it is not inconceivable that a significant part of our energy needs will be supplied by crops from the land.

The attractions of a permanently renewable energy resource are at present offset by various factors: the immediate abundance of relatively cheap oil and other fossil fuels; the reluctance of farmers to see themselves as anything other than suppliers of food, coupled with an awareness of the needs of the starving; and the cost.

The millions of tons of straw that are set alight in the fields after every harvest have not only aroused public indignation at the drifting smoke and ash. They have also pricked the consciences of many farmers, who feel that the convenience of burning, and the benefit it brings to the soil, are outweighed by the squandering of a potentially valuable commodity.

Yet although a large number of new straw burners have come on to the market within the last two or three years, there is a general scepticism that the collection and baling of straw for use as a fuel can ever be made economic.

As for utilizing the grain itself as a fuel in, for example, power stations, delegates to this year's Oxford farming conference were told that the price would need to fall to about £15 a tonne from the present low of about £85 a tonne.

There are possible developments which could change the picture. One is a breakthrough in plant breeding which would lead to new crop strains producing two, three or four times their present yields. But at present that is the stuff of science fiction.

Another is the adoption of so-called whole crop harvesting, whereby the entire crop including straw, chaff and weeds is removed from the field in a single operation and subsequently separated in purpose-built plants. But despite glowing reports from Denmark in particular, where straw is widely used as a municipal heating fuel, most experts in this country remain sceptical.

The accepted wisdom among a large body of scientists and economists is that crops cannot realistically be cultivated as a fuel source because the energy input will always exceed the output.

That view was put forcibly to a conference earlier this year by Mr Peter King, general secretary of the Society of Chemical Industry, and formerly research director of ICI's agriculture division.

Nevertheless, the distillation of fuel from food crops is already a reality in several countries. (The highly expensive and uneconomic degrading of surplus wine in the EEC into industrial alcohol is best ignored in this context.)

In Brazil as much as a fifth of the country's gasoline requirements are supplied from grain and sugar cane. An experimental plant has also been constructed in Sweden for the production of automotive fuel from grain.

Lourho, which is particularly concerned about the consequences for Third World sugar cane producers of EEC overproduction of sugar beet, has taken a strong interest in the distillation of ethanol from molasses, and has obtained a moderately encouraging response from Brussels.

According to Mr Patrick Watson, a senior Lourho consulting engineer, modified vegetable oils, specifically monoesters, could be used to upgrade diesel fuel.

While that may not be economic in the short term, the historic long-term increase in oil prices has exceeded that of "soft" commodities, and this trend is likely to be reestablished, he suggests.

In other words, if and when oil prices start to rise again in real terms, renewable alternatives could have a big future.





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## Sale room

# £66,000 record for Laura Knight

By Geraldine Norman
Sale Room Correspondent

Sotheby's most successful ever sale of modern British pictures in London yesterday contrasted with a near-disaster in New York the night before, when very expensive European Impressionist and modern paintings were on offer and 41 per cent of the lots failed to find buyers.

The contrast more than underlined how cheap the best British twentieth century paintings are compared to those of their Continental contemporaries. The highest flyer in the London sale was "Wind and Sun" a delicious beach scene with two elegant ladies and a parasol, by Dame Laura Knight, at £66,000 (estimate £15,000-£20,000). It dates from 1910 and was painted in watercolour and gouache on linen. The price sets a new auction record for the artist and it sold to the Pyms Gallery.

Roderic O'Connor worked largely in Paris and a quiet still life of pottery on a table entitled "Faience" secured a new record for his work at £30,800 (estimate £10,000-£12,000). Prices for Sir William Nicholson were also very high, with a still-life of anemones in a vase at a record £19,800 (estimate £4,000-£6,000). The buoyant prices were not restricted to any particular schools or periods, which resulted in a record total for a modern British sale at £1.5 million and only 4 per cent left unsold.

In New York a sale totalling £15.7 million spelt failure. The top price was for a summer landscape of 1917 by Egon Schiele which just reached the bottom end of expectations at $2,530,000 (estimate $2.5 million-$3.5 million) or £1,976,562. A Renoir, "Baigneuse Debout", managed to find a buyer at $1,980,000 (£1.5 million) but Sotheby's had been estimating $2 million-$2.5 million. In 1981 it went through a Cristie's sale at $1.64 million, so there has been a small gain over four years.

The collection of Surrealist art sent for sale by Joe Mallin, a New York tax lawyer, included a new auction price record for Max Ernst when his eight-foot bronze "Capricorn" sold for $962,000 (estimate $800,000-$1 million) or £751,953.

Pictures returning to the market in less than five yers tend to be spurned the second time round and this accounted for some of Sotheby's problems. Two important Dalis bought at the 1981 Edward James sale failed to sell. On the whole, however, it was second division pictures with over-ambitious reserves that accounted for the failure rate.

"It has become a two-tier market", David Nash of Sotheby's commented. "Anything of good quality and desirable attracts a lot of competition. If they don't fall into that category, it isn't even a question of low prices. No one is interested at all."

The same pattern emerged in Phillips' New York Impressionist sale which totalled $2.2 million with 50 per cent left unsold. A bomb scare stopped the sale on Monday night and it had to be finished on Tuesday – with only 45 as opposed to 300 bidders.

In Geneva on Tuesday Christie's sold gold boxes and Renaissance jewellery for a total of £1.3 million with 15 per cent left unsold. A magnificent table snuff box made in St Petersburg in 1761 for the Empress Elisabeth sold for 770,000 francs (estimate 500,000-600,000 francs or £234,756.

# OBITUARY

## M JEAN DUBUFFET

### Influential post-war artist

Jean Dubuffet, who died in Paris on May 12 at the age of 83, was widely regarded as one of the most stimulating artists to make his influence felt in the years after the Second World War. He was a powerful advocate of that tendency in modern art which disregards the use of traditional materials but the naive, anti-artistic quality of his finished works was the product of an accomplished intelligence operating on substances to create from them images of a powerfully evocative character.

Dubuffet was the practitioner of a kind of painting and expression in a variety of media which, though he belonged to no specific group, had every indication of a Surrealist origin. The work of his middle-age which first brought him into public view, gave a fresh value to his ideas which were not in themselves new but were applied and revised by him with much intelligence and wit.

With all an "action painter's" absorption in the use of material, he combined the Surrealist delight in the images into which the material might become strangely converted, together with a sense of the compelling power of rudimentary statement in the rendering of the human image.

*L'art brut*, "art in the raw" (specimens of which he collected) was his term for the primitive and non-professional art which others had "discovered" before him but which he adapted to his purposes in an original way showing a far from primitive sensibility. Paint, pebbles, malleable substances and collages of various kinds were utilized in his productions with forceful and imaginitive result.

Dubuffet was born at Le Havre in 1901 the son of a wine merchant. He moved to Paris in 1918 and studied at the Académie Julian but over the next 20 years his intention to devote himself to art was dogged by dissatisfaction with what he produced, personal inertia and other distractions.

Thus after painting for a few years he gave it up in 1924 to go into his father's business in Le Havre. Next, he went to Buenos Aires where he lived for some time and became an industrial designer. Returning to France he opened his own wholesale wine business in 1930 and found time to paint again between 1934 and 1937 when he again gave up to apply himself to the wine trade.

It was not until 1942 that he became a full time painter and in 1944 his first exhibition was held at the Galerie Drouin. Consisting of scenes depicted in a naive style, inhabited by figures executed in a childlike scrawl, it reflected the influence of children's drawings, the pictures of Paul Klee, and the work of psychotics and amateurs.

His second exhibition in 1946 indicated more decisively the direction in which he was moving as well as causing a controversial sensation when it opened. Its playful title "Microbolus, Macadam & Cie, Hautes Pâtes" suggested a magician's playbill, the *hautes pâtes* being the plastic materials, glue, sand and asphalt in which the subjects were executed. Moulding, kneading and scraping his ground Dubuffet scribbled on it to produce smiling landscapes inhabited by droll little figures.

From 1947 to 1949 he travelled a good deal in the Sahara. The impact of this primordial landscape on his sensibility was now assimilated into his pictures which for a period seemed to evoke the poetry of the untenanted and silent earth.

However in the "Corps de Dames" series which he executed from 1950 human bodies returned though here they were the massive forms of women expressing the fecundity of the earth.

"Sols et terrains" and "Terres Radieuses" depicted fossil forms and geological structures, creating a terrain in which kindly animals and human figures make a home. These, in technique and subject strongly recalled Max Ernst's *Histoire Naturelle.*

In 1956 Dubuffet perfected a new technique, in his "Assemblages" cutting coloured canvas into geometric shapes which were them pasted mosaic-like onto surfaces, often combined with natural things, flowers, leaves, the wings of butterflies, to create starry meadows, dreamscapes and gardens of mysteries. While his "Elements botaniques" increased the vegetable input with the leaves of burdock, vine, magnolia, etc, to make an effect suggesting the presssed flower arrangements of the Victorian age, executed, nevertheless, with an entirely modern ingenuity.

Naive though the appearance of all this might be, the essence of what Dubuffet strove for was that the poetic metaphor should be released by the evocative power of the material he employed to create a permanent store of images for the beholder's eye and mind.

From 1947 his reputation grew rapidly and he had retrospective exhibitions at the Institute of Contemporary Arts, London (1955), Musée des Arts Decoratifs, Paris (1960) and the Museum of Modern Art, New York (1961).

He was an active proselyist for his ideas in manifestos, lectures and pamphlets which set forth his "anti-culturalist" position in an incisive style. His collected writings were published in 1967 as *Ecrits de Jean Dubuffet.*

## MR CHARLES BLAKE

Mr Charles Blake, who died on May 11, aged 74 was a distinguished yachtsman who sailed, in all, in 12 Fastnet races, crewing the winning yacht Bloodhound for owner Isaac Bell in 1939 and again winning with Owen Aisher in Yeoman II in 1951.

In 1952 he was part of the British Olympic sailing team in Helsinki, being reserve helmsman for the Dragon, 6 metre and 5.5 metre classes. In 1953 he was part of Sir Kenneth Preston's crew in the British American cup races for 6 metres in Oyster Bay, Long Island.

He had a successful war record, serving with the RNVR in minesweepers finishing as Lieutenant-Commander in charge of HMS Pincher, a fleet sweeper with whom he took part in the D-Day operations and later witnessed the ceremony of Japanese surrender to Lord Louis Mountbatten in the Far East.

As a manager and later, director, of Camper & Nicholsons, the Gosport yacht builders, he made an enormous number of friends, from the rich and famous of the yachting world, to the dedicated craftsmen, who were always so important to him.

Ably supported by his charming wife, Phebe, who survives him, he was one of a small group of dedicated members of the Royal London Yacht Club, who got together in the 1950s to save the club's Cowes premises.

His dedication to the Royal London was recognized when he was made Commodore in 1966 and 1967 and later by the honorary membership accorded to himself and his wife.

Blake took a great interest in the preservation of old ships, and was a member of the Duke of Edinburgh's original Steering Committee for the preservation of the Cutty Sark, eventually becoming deputy chairman of the Cutty Sark Society.

He will be remembered by many ocean racing skippers with whom he sailed, as the "ever cheerful Charlie", hardly bothered by sea-sickness, never bothered by the weather, always keen and willing to have a go.

## SIR JOHN BROTHERSTON

Sir John Brotherston, who died in Edinburgh on May 12 at the age of 70, was Chief Medical Officer for Scotland from 1964 to 1977, and an active figure in the development of the national health service both there and in the United Kingdom in general.

A man of great intellectual brilliance, he was Professor of Public Health and Social Medicine at the University of Edinburgh from 1955 to 1964, and after giving up his position as Chief Medical Officer returned to academic life as Professor of Community Medicine from 1977 to 1980. He was then appointed Professor Emeritus.

John Howie Flint Brotherston was born on March 9, 1915, into an Edinburgh legal family; his mother was a doctor of distinction. After education at George Watson's College and Edinburgh University he served in the RAMC from 1941 to 1946, when he was wounded and, characteristically, was active in persuading the surgeon not to amputate his leg.

From 1946 to 1955 he laid the foundations of his career in public health, with the award of a Rockefeller Fellowship in Preventive Medicine and academic posts at Guy's Hospital Medical School and the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, where he became a Reader in Public Health. He began his association with the public health service in the United States, and in particular with Johns Hopkins University.

In 1955 he was appointed to the Chair of Public Health in Edinburgh, and there built up a diverse academic department before his appointment as Chief Medical Officer in 1964.

A man of great energy, he threw himself into his new task. He made his main aim the integration of health services, and played an important part in the reorganization of the Scottish health service, set in motion by legislation in 1974. He was knighted in 1972.

In 1977 Brotherston returned to Edinburgh University, and continued to be active on the broader scene, serving as president of the Faculty of Community Medicine of the Royal Colleges of Physicians of the United Kingdom from 1978 to 1981. Throughout his life he had made contributions to the work of the World Health Organization, the General Medical Council and the Medical Research Council.

Although he recognized he had a terminal illness he continued to edit a history of the Scottish health services from 1900 to the present.

Brotherston is survived by his wife, the former Dr Irene Low, whom he married in 1939, and by two sons and two daughters.

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## WALL STREET

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| AMF Inc | 19¼ | 20 |
| AMR | 43½ | 44⅜ |
| Allied Corp | 43¾ | 44½ |
| Allied Stores | 54¼ | 55 |
| Allis Chalmers | 6¼ | 6⅜ |
| Alcoa | 33 | 33½ |
| Amax Inc | 16½ | 16⅝ |
| Amerada Hess | 30⅝ | 0⅝ |
| Am Brands | 65⅝ | 65⅜ |
| Am Broadcast | 109⅛ | 109 |
| Am Can | 54⅝ | 53½ |
| Am Cyanamid | 51½ | 51⅞ |
| Am Elec Power | 21½ | 21⅝ |
| Am Express | 45 | 45⅜ |
| Am Home | 61⅜ | 61⅝ |
| Am Motors | 3 | 3⅛ |
| Am Nat Res | 64⅞ | 64⅞ |
| Am Standard | 28⅛ | 28½ |
| Am Telephone | 22⅝ | 22⅜ |
| Amoco | 64⅛ | 64½ |
| Amco Steel | 7⅜ | 7⅞ |
| Asarco | 23⅝ | 23¾ |
| Ashland Oil | 29⅛ | 29¾ |
| Atlntic Richfield | 60½ | 60¾ |
| Avon Products | 19⅛ | 19⅞ |
| Bankers Tst NY | 72½ | 73¾ |
| Bankamerica | 21⅛ | 21½ |
| Bank of Boston | 49⅝ | 49⅞ |
| Bank of NY | 42½ | 42⅝ |
| Beatrice Foods | 30⅜ | 30⅞ |
| Bethlehem Steel | 15⅞ | 16⅛ |
| Boeing | 62 | 62 |
| Boise Cascade | 40¼ | 40⅝ |
| Borden | 69⅛ | 69 |
| Borg Warner | 21¼ | 21⅜ |
| Bristol Myers | 59⅛ | 59¼ |
| BP | 26½ | 27⅛ |
| Burlington Ind | 25⅜ | 25⅝ |
| Burlington Nthn | 55⅝ | 56⅜ |
| Burroughs | 63¼ | 63⅞ |
| Campbell Soup | 65⅝ | 65⅞ |
| Canadian Pacific | 43¼ | 42⅝ |
| Caterpillar | 32⅝ | 32⅞ |
| Celanese | 98 | 98 |
| Central Soya | 23⅞ | 23⅞ |
| Champion | 25⅝ | 25¼ |
| Chase Manhat | 57⅞ | 57⅝ |
| Chem Bank NY | 41¼ | 41¼ |
| Chevron | 35¼ | 35⅞ |
| Chrysler | 34⅜ | 34⅝ |
| Citicorp | 48¼ | 49 |
| Clark Equip | 28⅞ | 28⅝ |
| Coca Cola | 67 | 66⅝ |
| Colgate | 24½ | 24⅝ |
| Columbia Gas | 29⅞ | 29⅝ |
| Combusion Eng | 30⅞ | 30½ |
| Comwith Edison | 30 | 29⅞ |
| Cons Edison | 33 | 33 |
| Cons Power | 8⅝ | 8⅝ |
| Control Data | 31½ | 32 |
| Corning Glass | 39⅛ | 39⅞ |
| CPC Intl | 42⅞ | 41⅞ |
| Crane | 37⅞ | 38⅝ |
| Crocker Int | 26½ | 26½ |
| Crown Zeller | 41⅝ | 41⅝ |
| Dart & Kraft | 54⅝ | 54⅝ |
| Deere | 28⅝ | 28½ |
| Delta Air | 43¾ | 44⅞ |
| Detroit Edison | 16⅝ | 16⅜ |
| Digital Equip | 103⅞ | 106½ |
| Disney | 78⅜ | 79⅝ |
| Dow Chemical | 31 | 31½ |
| Dresser Ind | 19⅜ | 20 |
| Duke Power | 32½ | 32⅝ |
| Du Pont | 57⅛ | 56⅝ |
| Eastern Air | 8⅝ | 8⅝ |
| Eastman Kodak | 63⅞ | 64 |
| Eaton Corp | 52⅝ | 53½ |
| Emerson Elect | 68⅝ | 68½ |
| Evans Prod | 2¼ | 2¼ |
| Exxon Corp | 50½ | 50⅝ |
| Fed Dept Stores | 59 | 60 |
| Firestone | 20½ | 20⅜ |
| Fst Chicago | 24⅝ | 24⅝ |
| Fst Intrst Bncp | 49¼ | 49⅜ |
| Fst Penn Corp | 6¼ | 7 |
| Ford | 40⅞ | 42⅛ |
| GAF Corp | 33½ | 33⅞ |
| GTE Corp | 40⅝ | 40⅝ |
| Gen Corp | 46¼ | 46½ |
| Gen Dynamics | 71 | 70⅝ |
| Gen Electric | 58⅝ | 60¼ |
| Gen Foods | 64¼ | 65 |
| Gen Mills | 55¼ | 55¼ |
| Gen Motors | 66⅝ | 67⅛ |
| Gen Pub Util NY | 12⅝ | 12⅝ |
| Genesco | 4½ | 4½ |
| Georgia Pacific | 23⅜ | 23⅝ |
| Gillette | 62 | 61⅝ |
| Goodrich | 33⅛ | 33⅝ |
| Goodyear | 27⅞ | 27⅞ |
| Gould Inc | 20⅝ | 21¼ |
| Grace | 40⅝ | 40⅝ |
| Gt Atlc & Pacific | 16⅞ | 16⅝ |
| Greyhound | 23 | 23⅝ |
| Grumman Corp | 25⅝ | 25⅞ |
| Gulf & West | 38 | 38⅝ |
| Heinz H. J. | 47½ | 47⅝ |
| Hercules | 33⅞ | 34 |
| Honeywell | 58⅝ | 59½ |
| IC Inds | 32¾ | 32¾ |
| Ingersoll | 46⅝ | 46½ |
| Inland Steel | 22⅛ | 21½ |
| IBM | 127½ | 130½ |
| Int Harvester | 9⅝ | 9¾ |
| INCO | 14 | 14⅛ |
| Int Paper | 50 | 50⅜ |
| Int Tel Tel | 33⅞ | 34⅜ |
| Irving Bank | 40⅛ | 40 |
| Jim Walter | 34½ | 35 |
| Johnson & John | 46⅝ | 46⅝ |
| Kaiser Alumin | 13⅞ | 13⅜ |
| Kerr McGee | 32⅜ | 32⅞ |
| Kimberly Clark | 53 | 53⅜ |
| K Mart | 36⅛ | 36⅜ |
| Kroger | 43 | 43 |
| L.T.V. Corp | 9⅛ | 9⅜ |
| Litton | 69 | 69½ |
| Lockheed | 48⅝ | 49½ |
| Lucky Stores | 20⅛ | 20⅝ |
| Manuf Hanover | 40⅛ | 40½ |
| Manville Cp | 5⅞ | 5⅞ |
| Mapco | 34½ | 34½ |
| Marine Midland | 34⅜ | 34⅝ |
| Martin Marietta | 52⅝ | 53 |
| McDonnell | 72⅛ | 74⅜ |
| Mead | 39⅞ | 40⅛ |
| Merck | 103⅜ | 103 |
| Minnesota Mng | 78 | 77 |
| Mobil Oil | 30⅞ | 30⅞ |
| Monsanto | 47⅜ | 47⅞ |
| Morgan J. P. | 50⅝ | 50⅝ |
| Motorola | 32½ | 32½ |
| NCR Corp | 26⅝ | 26⅞ |
| NL Industries | 11⅜ | 11½ |
| Nabisco | 60⅛ | 60⅝ |
| Nat Distillers | 29⅝ | 29¾ |
| Nat Med Ent | 28⅛ | 28⅛ |
| Norfolk South | 65⅝ | 65⅝ |
| NW Bancorp | 25½ | 25½ |
| Occidental Pet | 30 | 30⅝ |
| Ogden | 31½ | 31½ |
| Olin Corp | 31⅛ | 31⅝ |
| Owens-Illinois | 45 | 45½ |
| Pacific Gas Elec | 18⅝ | 18⅝ |
| Pan Am | 5⅝ | 5⅝ |
| Penney J. C. | 48½ | 48⅝ |
| Pennzoil | 51⅝ | 52⅛ |
| Pepsico | 53⅞ | 54 |
| Pfizer | 47⅛ | 47 |
| Phelps Dodge | 20⅞ | 21 |
| Philip Morris | 64⅛ | 63¼ |
| Phillips Petrol | 39 | 39 |
| Polaroid | 30⅝ | 30⅛ |
| PPG Ind | 36¾ | 36 |
| Procter Gamble | 51 | 50⅞ |
| Pub Ser El & Gas | 29⅝ | 29⅝ |
| Raytheon | 46 | 46⅞ |
| RCA Corp | 41⅝ | 41⅞ |
| Reynolds Ind | 77¼ | 77⅝ |
| Reynolds Metal | 35 | 36 |
| Rockwell Int | 35⅛ | 36 |
| Royal Dutch | 57⅛ | 57⅜ |
| Safeways | 30¾ | 31⅛ |
| Sara Lee | 39⅜ | 39⅝ |
| SFE Sopac | 27¼ | 26⅞ |
| SCM | 47⅝ | 47⅞ |
| Schlumberger | 36⅝ | 36⅝ |
| Scott Paper | 36¾ | 37⅛ |
| Seagram | 41½ | 41⅛ |
| Sears Roebuck | 34¾ | 35 |
| Shell Oil | 59⅝ | 59½ |
| Shell Trans | 35⅝ | 35½ |
| Signal Co | 36⅝ | 37 |
| Singer | 37¾ | 38⅜ |
| Smithkline Beck | 64½ | 64⅝ |
| Sony | 16⅝ | 16½ |
| Sth Cal Edison | 25⅞ | 25⅞ |
| Sperry Corp | 54⅞ | 54⅛ |
| Std Oil Ohio | 47¾ | 47⅞ |
| Sterling Drug | 30⅛ | 30⅜ |
| Stevens J. P. | 18½ | 18⅝ |
| Sun Comp | 52 | 51⅞ |
| Teledyne | 241½ | 243½ |
| Tennsco | 42⅝ | 43½ |
| Texaco | 33⅝ | 37 |
| Texas East Corp | 35⅛ | 35⅝ |
| Texas Inst | 92 | 94½ |
| Texas Utilities | 28⅝ | 28 |
| Texaron | 45⅝ | 49½ |
| TWA | 34¼ | 34½ |
| Travelers Corp | 46 | 45⅞ |
| TRW Inc | 68⅝ | 69⅜ |
| UAL Inc | 48⅛ | 47 |
| Union Carbide | 38 | 38½ |
| Unocal | 45¾ | 45⅜ |
| Un Pacific Corp | 50⅝ | 50⅝ |
| Unisryal | 19⅝ | 19⅝ |
| United Brands | 14¼ | 14⅝ |
| US Steel | 29⅛ | 28⅝ |
| Utd Technol | 40 | 39⅝ |
| Wachovia | 39⅝ | 39⅞ |
| Warner Lambert | 38 | 38¼ |
| Wells Fargo | 56⅝ | 56⅛ |
| Westinghse Elec | 32 | 32⅝ |
| Weyerhauser | 28⅞ | 28⅞ |
| Whirlpool | 43 | 43⅝ |
| Woolworth | 44⅝ | 45⅛ |
| Xerox Corp | 48⅝ | 48⅝ |
| Zenith | 20⅝ | 20⅞ |

**CANADIAN PRICES**

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| Abitibi | 18 | 18⅛ |
| Alcan Alumin | 34⅝ | 35 |
| Algoma Steel | 21½ | 21½ |
| Bell Telephone | 41⅛ | 40⅝ |
| Can Pacific | 19⅝ | 19⅝ |
| Comico | 13⅞ | 13½ |
| Cons Bathurst | 16½ | 16½ |
| Gulf Oil | 19⅝ | 19¼ |
| Hawker/Sid Can | 19⅞ | 19¾ |
| Hudson Bay Min | 7¼ | 7¼ |
| Imasco | 28⅝ | 27½ |
| Imperial Oil | 51½ | 51¼ |
| Int Pipe | 37½ | 37½ |
| Masa.-Fergsn | 3.00 | 3.05 |
| Royal Trustco | 20¼ | 20½ |
| Seagram | 57 | 56½ |
| Steel Co | 19½ | 19½ |
| Thomson N 'A' | 20½ | 20 |
| Walker Hiram | 30½ | 29⅝ |
| WCT | 16½ | 16⅛ |

● Ex div. a Asked. c Ex distribution. h Bid. k Market closed. n New issue. p Stock split. t Traded. y Unquoted.

# Early gain for shares

New York (AP-Dow Jones) – Shares were holding on to a nominal gain in moderate early trading.

The Dow Jones industrial average was up about 1½ points. About 600 shares showed gains with 570 down.

Mr John Brooks, first vice president at Robinson-Humphrey Company, said that despite the lack-luster performance of the market he continued to be bullish.

He was impressed with the Standard and Poor's index and New York jStock Exchange index both hitting new highs this week and he expected the Dow average to push through 1 300 soon. It could be at 1 400 by the end of next month, he said.

IBM was up ¼ at 128; General Motors was at 66⅞, up ⅛; General Electric was at 59¼, up ½; and ATT was at 23, up ⅜.

Bethlehem Steel was up ⅛ to 16⅝. The company said it is increasing the prices for reinforcing bars by 3.9 per cent. Among other steel issues, US Steel was at 28⅝, down ½; Armco was at 7¼ down ⅛; and Inland Steel was at 22⅞, unchanged.

Crown Zellerbach was down ⅛at 41⅜. Sir James Goldsmith boosted his stake in the company to more than 20 per cent, the point at which measures designed by Crown Zellerbach to make the company unattractive for a takeover bid become irreversible.

National Semiconductor was unchanged at 10½; Federal National Mortgage Association was up ½ to 18⅝.

## LONDON FINANCIAL FUTURES

The following rates relate to May 14.

| | Open | High | Low | Close | Est Vol |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Three Month Sterling** | | | | | |
| Jun 85 | 87.54 | 87.58 | 87.45 | 87.58 | 535 |
| Sep 85 | 88.28 | 88.36 | 88.22 | 88.36 | 959 |
| Dec 85 | 88.75 | 88.77 | 88.70 | 88.80 | 38 |
| Mar 86 | 88.95 | 89.02 | 88.90 | 89.02 | 48 |
| Jun 86 | NT | | | 89.12 | 0 |
| Previous day's total open interest 7257 | | | | | |
| **Three Month Eurodollar** | | | | | |
| Jun 85 | 91.48 | 91.56 | 91.47 | 91.55 | 1582 |
| Sep 85 | 90.85 | 90.96 | 90.84 | 90.90 | 3294 |
| Dec 85 | 90.57 | 90.49 | 90.36 | 90.49 | 216 |
| Mar 86 | 90.01 | 90.05 | 90.01 | 90.13 | 90 |
| Jun 86 | 89.70 | 89.70 | 89.70 | 89.83 | 40 |
| Previous day's total open interest 19238 | | | | | |
| **US Treasury Bond** | | | | | |
| Jun 85 | 73-00 | 73-21 | 72-28 | 73-21 | 3329 |
| Sep 85 | 72-00 | 72-14 | 71-29 | 72-20 | 18 |
| Previous day's total open interest 2676 | | | | | |
| **Long Gilt** | | | | | |
| Jun 85 | 105-26 | 105-26 | 105-05 | 105-20 | 2867 |
| Sep 85 | 108-30 | 109-00 | 108-23 | 109-31 | 111 |
| Dec 85 | NT | | | 109-05 | 0 |
| Mar 86 | NT | | | 108-25 | 0 |
| Previous day's total open interest 3605 | | | | | |
| **FT-SE 100** | | | | | |
| Jun 85 | 132.90 | 133.00 | 131.50 | 132.20 | 436 |
| Sep 85 | 133.35 | 133.35 | 132.10 | 132.80 | 13 |
| Dec 85 | NT | | | | |
| Previous day's total open interest 1311 | | | | | |

## COMMODITIES

**LONDON COMMODITY EXCHANGE**
Rubber in £'s per tonne; Coffee and cocoa in pounds per metric ton; Gas-oil and sugar in $ per metric tonne.
G W Joynson and Co report

**RUBBER**
Jun 715–90
Jul 725–00
Aug 735–10
Sep 745–20
Oct 755–30
Nov 765–40
Dec 775–50
Jan/Sep 735–10
Oct/Dec 765–40
Vol Nil

**SUGAR**
Aug 98.2–96.0
Oct 99.8–99.6
Dec 108.0–105.8
Mar 118.0–117.8
May 122.4–122.0
Aug 128.4–127.8
Oct 132.6–131.8
Vol 1522

**COCOA**
May 1798–95
July 1827–25
Sep 1815–14
Dec 1777–76
Mar 1762–61
May 1794–83
July 1800–99

**COFFEE**
May 2090–55
Jul 2117–15
Sep 2160–58
Nov 2190–87
Jan 2218–15
Mar 2202–00
May 2200–2155

**GAS OIL**
June 218.50–25
July 215.50–23
Aug 218.75–50
Sep 218.75–25
Oct 221.75–1925
Nov 225.00–2100
Dec 232.00–2300
Jan 232.00–2400
Vol 615

**LONDON METAL EXCHANGE**
Unofficial prices:
Official turnover figures
Prices in pounds per metric ton Silver in pence per troy ounce
Rudolf Wolff & Co. Ltd. report

**COPPER HIGH GRADE**
Cash 1230.00–1232.00
Three months 1217.00–1217.50
Vol 4575
Tone Steady

**STANDARD CATHODES**
Cash 1210.00–1215.00
Three months 1205.00–1209.00
Vol nil
Tone Idle

**TIN STANDARD**
Cash 9500–9510
Three months 9475–9480
Vol 510
Tone Steadier

**TIN HIGH–GRADE**
Cash 9500–9510
Three months 9475–9480
Vol 50
Tone Quiet

**LEAD**
Cash 300.00–301.00
Three months 302.00–302.50
Vol 3650
Tone Steady

**ZINC STANDARD**
Cash 650.00–652.00
Three months 664.00–665.00
Vol 2500
Tone Steady but quiet

**ZINC HIGH GRADE**
Cash 710.00–716.00
Three months 695.00–700.00
Vol 575
Tone Quiet

**SILVER LARGE**
Cash 516.0–517.0
Three months 532.0–533.5
Vol 14
Tone Quiet

**SILVER SMALL**
Cash 511.0–513.0
Three months 532.0–533.5
Vol nil
Tone Idle

**ALUMINIUM**
Cash 889.00–891.00
Three months 912.0–913.0
Vol 2225
Tone Steady

**NICKEL**
Cash 4470–4480
Three months 4430–4435
Vol 456
Tone Steady

**BALTIC FREIGHT INDEX**
G.N.I. Freight Futures Ltd report
$10 per index point

| | High/Low | Close |
|---|---|---|
| July 85 | 910-887 | 909.0 |
| Oct 85 | 954-936 | 950.0 |
| Jan 86 | 940-930 | 942.0 |
| April 86 | — | 1000.0 |
| July 86 | — | 931.0 |
| Oct 86 | — | 1025.0 |
| Jan 87 | — | 1030.0 |
| April 87 | — | 1077.5 |

Spot: 1,009.5
Vol: 298 lots.

**LONDON GRAIN FUTURES**
£ per Tonne

| Month | Wheat Close | Barley Close |
|---|---|---|
| May | £118.80 | £113.50 |
| Jly | £121.00 | – |
| Sep | £998.00 | £990.00 |
| Nov | £102.85 | £102.45 |
| Jan | £106.40 | £106.85 |
| Mar | £109.50 | £108.25 |

● **WINGATE PROPERTY INVESTMENTS:** Wingate has completed acquisition of the outstanding 24.5 per cent shares of Uptonheath Properties. The consideration of £125,440 has been satisfied by the issue of 112,341 new ordinary shares of Wingate.

● **WALTER RUNCIMAN:** The company is paying a final dividend of 2.5p making 5p (same) for 1984. With figures in £000, turnover was 50970 (64,531) and pretax profit 824 (1,050). Earnings per share before extraordinary items were 8.7p (13p).

**KEEP TRUST:** Charterhouse Japhet has announced that acceptance of the offers on behalf of Keep to acquire Adams and Gibbon have been received in respect of 356,800 ordinary (19.82 per cent) and 100 preference shares (0.1 per cent). The acceptances when aggregated with the 214,000 shares (11.89 per cent) held by Keep prior to the offer amount to 570,800 ordinary shares (31.71 per cent). Keep has extended its offer until May 28.

**WACE GROUP:** Results for 1984 show that the group is paying no dividend (nil). With figures in £000, turnover was up to 4,743 (4,090), pretax profit 233 (loss 185), and earnings per share 4.2p (loss 4.7p). Trading so far this year has been more favourable than in the corresponding period of 1984 and the board remains extremely confident of the group's future.

## APPOINTMENTS

Freight Transport Association: Mr Denis Hutchings has been elected president.

Guardian Management Services: Mr Charles Russam has been made managing director.

Rendel Palmer & Tritton: Mr John Robert Moon has been made director of RPT Economic Studies Group.

Percom: Dr Alex Reid is made a non-executive director.

BASF United Kingdom: Mr John East has been made deputy managing director.

The Fleming Claverhouse Investment Trust: Mr J. E. Redwood is made a director.

Cadnetix: Mr Barrie Murray-Upton has been appointed the British and European managing director.

BIS Applied Systems: Mr David Broughton has been made an executive director.

VW Thermax: Mr J. D. Whitesmith is made finance director.

Unilever NV and Unilever plc: Mr M. Dowdall, Mr H. Eggerstedt and Mr M. S. Perry have been elected directors.

Reed International: Mr Peter Smith is to be head of corporate relations and will succeed Mr Barrie Powell-Jones in January 1986.

## INVESTMENT TRUSTS

| 1985 High | 1985 Low | Company | Price | Ch'ge | Gross Div | Yld % | P/E |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 180 | 162 | Aberdeen | 176 | +1 | 9.4b | 5.3 | ... |
| 101 | 87½ | Alba | 97 | | 2.2b | 2.1 | ... |
| 695 | 580 | Alliance | 655 | | 24.8 | 3.8 | ... |
| 160 | 116 | Alpine Trust | 134 | | 4.1 | 3.1 | ... |
| 332 | 284 | Ang Amer Sec | 276 | | 8.1 | 2.9 | ... |
| 145 | 128 | Ashdown | 132 | | 3.9 | 3.0 | ... |
| 128 | 88 | Atlantic Assets | 111 | | 3.5 | 3.2 | ... |
| 98 | 88 | Bankers | 94 | +1 | 3.5b | 3.7 | ... |
| 194 | 167 | Berry | 179 | | 1.4b | 0.8 | ... |
| 176 | 158 | Border & Sthrn | 168 | | 4.7 | 2.8 | ... |
| 197 | 168 | Br Assets Gen | 190 | | 5.2 | 2.7 | ... |
| 167 | 153 | Br Empire | 164 | | 8.9b | 4.9 | ... |
| 215 | 182 | Br Empire Sec | 205 | | 1.3 | 0.6 | ... |
| 372 | 333 | British Inv | 348 | | 20.5 | 5.9 | ... |
| 73 | 64 | Brunner | 72 | –1 | 2.9 | 4.0 | 17.4 |
| 89 | 72 | Charter Agency | 82 | –½ | 3.1b | 3.7 | ... |
| 685 | 525 | Continental | 683 | –3 | 26.7b | 4.1 | ... |
| 178 | 148 | Crescent Japan | 163 | –3 | 1.1 | 0.8 | ... |
| 495 | 385 | Delta | 385 | –20 | | | ... |
| 108 | 97 | Derby Inc | 103 | | 10.2 | 9.9 | ... |
| 193 | 95 | Do Def | 101 | | | | ... |
| 288 | 264 | Drayton Cons | 280 | | 13.4 | 4.8 | ... |
| 148 | 128 | Drayton Far East | 138 | +1 | 1.5 | 1.2 | ... |
| 420 | 348 | Drayton Japan | 380 | | 3.5 | 1.0 | ... |
| 412 | 383 | Drayton Premier | 400 | +2 | 16.2 | 4.5 | ... |
| 183 | 162 | Dundee Lon | 175 | | 6.7 | 3.7 | ... |
| 118 | 108 | Edin Amer Assets | 116 | | 0.5 | 0.5 | ... |
| 117 | 103 | Edinburgh | 111 | | 4.1 | 3.7 | ... |
| 282 | 254 | Electra Gen | 272 | –1 | 4.4b | 1.6 | ... |
| 294 | 259 | English Int | 288 | +1 | 10.0 | 4.1 | ... |
| 78 | 68 | English Scot | 70 | | 1.8 | 2.6 | ... |
| 106½ | 91 | English NY | 104 | | 3.5 | 3.4 | ... |
| 97 | 85 | F & C Alliance | 97 | –1 | 2.9 | 2.7 | ... |
| 165 | 140 | F&C Pacific | 148 | –1 | 3.5 | 2.3 | ... |
| 225 | 185 | Fleming | 220 | | 9.8 | 4.5 | ... |
| 279 | 242 | First Scot Amer | 269 | +1 | 12.9b | 4.9 | ... |
| 190 | 160 | First Un Gen | 188 | | 7.7b | 4.1 | ... |
| 580 | 440 | Fleming American | 580 | | 12.4 | 2.1 | ... |
| 263 | 235 | Fleming Claver | 263 | | 12.4 | 4.7 | ... |
| 280 | 233 | Fleming Enterprise | 280 | | 11.1 | 4.0 | ... |
| 288 | 260 | Fleming Far East | 288 | +1 | 11.3 | 3.9 | ... |
| 111 | 100 | Fleming Fledgling | 111 | | 3.6 | 3.2 | ... |
| 530 | 468 | Fleming Japan | 476 | +4 | 4.5 | 0.9 | ... |
| 116 | 108 | Fleming Mercantile | 116½ | | 4.9 | 3.7 | ... |
| 124 | 110 | Fleming Overseas | 120 | | 3.3b | 3.1 | ... |
| 238 | 198 | Fleming Tech | 140 | | 2.1 | 2.2 | ... |
| 334 | 278 | Fleming Universal | 286 | +1 | 11.4 | 3.8 | ... |
| 74 | 63½ | For Col | 69½ | | 1.8 | 2.8 | ... |
| 121 | 82 | GSC Capital | 101 | | | | ... |
| 185 | 146 | GT Japan | 147 | | 2.0b | 1.4 | ... |
| 616 | 550 | General Funds | 588 | | 13.6 | 2.3 | ... |
| 291 | 230 | General Cons | 269 | | 13.1 | 5.3 | ... |
| 125 | 108 | Glasgow Stock | 115 | –1 | 2.9 | 2.5 | ... |
| 276 | 251 | Globe | 268 | | 12.9 | 4.8 | ... |
| 282 | 252 | Greenfriar | 282 | | 2.5 | 1.0 | ... |
| 278 | 238 | Hambro Horace | 250 | | 8.4 | 3.4 | ... |
| 263 | 238 | Hambros | 255 | | 8.4 | 3.3 | ... |
| 254 | 238 | Hill (P) | 245 | | 13.2 | 5.4 | ... |
| 288 | 265 | Investors Success | 283 | | 7.5 | 2.6 | ... |
| 285 | 272 | Ivory | 285 | | 5.2b | 2.2 | ... |
| 63 | 51 | Japan Assets | 51½ | | 0.1 | 0.1 | ... |
| 338 | 272 | Lake View | 281 | | 6.6 | 2.4 | ... |
| 191 | 165 | Law Debenture | 173 | | 7.9 | 4.5 | ... |
| 88 | 84 | Law Mercantile Sec | 84 | | 2.8 | 3.3 | ... |
| 362 | 332 | Lon Trust | 332 | | 8.4 | 2.5 | ... |
| 98 | 88 | Merchants | 96 | | 5.4b | 5.6 | ... |
| 174 | 147 | Monks | 168 | +4 | 8.4b | 5.0 | ... |
| 118 | 105 | Murray Income | 117 | | 5.4b | 5.5 | ... |
| 98 | 86 | Murray Growth | 94 | | 2.9 | 3.1 | ... |
| 134 | 112 | Murray Ind | 128 | | 6.4 | 5.2 | ... |
| 285 | 248 | Murray Small | 272 | | 8.5 | 3.5 | ... |
| 282 | 270 | Murray Venture | 280 | | 8.3b | 2.2 | ... |
| 388 | 360 | New Court | 388 | | 20.4 | 5.5 | ... |
| 77 | 62 | New Darien Cil | 75 | | 0.5 | 0.5 | ... |
| 178 | 157 | Nthrn | 157 | | 6.7 | 5.5 | ... |
| 39½ | | Nthrng Ind 83 | 39½ | | 3.3 | 8.3 | ... |
| 263 | 198 | New Tokyo | 195 | | 2.1 | 1.2 | ... |
| 324 | 274 | Rit Atlantic Sec | 276 | | 4.6 | 1.6 | ... |
| 134 | 104 | Rit Assets | 112 | | 2.7 | 2.5 | ... |
| 263 | 238 | Nthn Amer | 248 | | 7.7 | 3.1 | ... |
| 138 | 128 | Outwich | 131 | | 4.3 | 3.3 | ... |
| 52 | 41 | Personal Assets | 41 | | 0.5 | 1.4 | ... |
| 340 | 305 | Raeburn | 316 | +1 | 10.2 | 3.2 | ... |
| 137 | 126 | River & Merc | 129 | | 7.1 | 5.5 | ... |
| 239 | 198 | River Plate | 217 | | 10.3 | 4.7 | ... |
| 192 | 168 | Robeco | 171 | | ... | ... | ... |
| 171 | 150 | Rolinco | 155 | | ... | ... | ... |
| 267 | 233 | Romney | 244 | | 6.8 | 2.7 | ... |
| 13½ | 10 | Rorento | £10½ | | ... | ... | ... |
| 113 | 96 | St Andrews | 108 | | 2.7 | 2.5 | ... |
| 329 | 291 | Schroder | 324 | –1 | 9.7 | 3.0 | ... |
| 231 | 211 | Scot Americas | 229 | | 5.6 | 2.4 | ... |
| 83½ | 73 | Scot Eastern | 80 | | 2.7 | 3.4 | ... |
| 498 | 398 | Scot Mtge | 494 | +4 | 18.7b | 3.8 | ... |
| 248 | 212 | Scot Mut | 248 | | 6.1 | 2.5 | ... |
| 131 | 119 | Scot Nthn | 128 | | 5.4 | 4.2 | ... |
| 288 | 268 | Scot Nthn 'A' | 288 | | 12.1 | 4.2 | ... |
| 268 | 268 | Second Alliance | 268 | | 20.4b | 7.7 | ... |
| 288 | 268 | Sec Of Scotland | 288 | | 5.7b | 4.9 | ... |
| 78 | 64 | Smaller Cos | 77 | | 2.4 | 3.2 | ... |
| 37½ | 32 | Stewart Enterp | 37½ | | 0.5 | 1.5 | ... |
| 148 | 112 | Stockholders | 131 | +1 | 2.4 | 2.5 | ... |
| 90 | 67 | Tr Australia | 90 | | 2.9 | 3.3 | ... |
| 72.7 | 63.3 | Commodity | 69.0 | 72.5 | 1.04 | | |
| 97.5 | 84.0 | Do Accum | 97.5 | 102.5 | 1.04 | | |
| 85.0 | 69.0 | Far Eastern | 81.5 | 86.0 | 1.04 | | |
| 37.8 | 29.6 | Gilt Trust | 36.1 | 38.4 | 10.55 | | |
| 117.7 | 96.5 | Global Fund | 109.4 | 115.4 | 0.60 | | |
| 113.1 | 88.5 | Do Dist | 108.0 | 111.9 | 0.60 | | |
| 33.2 | 16.3 | Gold | 16.3 | 17.2 | 0.50 | | |
| 73.2 | 59.3 | Growth Income | 69.5 | 73.2 | 1.03 | | |
| 97.1 | 14.7 | Hong Kong Trust | 20.1 | 21.1 | 1.50 | | |
| 34.5 | 28.0 | Income | 32.5 | 34.2 | 6.15 | | |
| 79.7 | 61.7 | Japan Trust | 66.3 | 70.5 | 0.15 | | |
| 72.0 | 57.6 | Special Sits | 69.6 | 74.1 | 1.65 | | |
| 48.3 | 36.0 | Technology Rec | 43.0 | 45.8 | 1.30 | | |
| 77 | 60 | Throgmorton | 74 | 78 | 1.5 | | |
| 87.9 | 80.0 | Pacific Income | 86.5 | 91.7 | 4.86 | | |
| 77.5 | 61.0 | Recovery | 74.5 | 79.0 | 1.5 | | |
| 97.0 | 81.5 | Second Gen | 96.1 | 97.4 | 0.72 | | |
| 1 | | Local Authorities Mutual Investment Trust. | | | | | |
| 77 | London Wall, EC2M 5NH | | 01-588 1815 | | | | |
| 105.5 | 105.5 | Property* (C) | | | 104.9 | 6.51 | |
| 105.5 | 105.5 | Property* (Acc) | | | 104.9 | 6.51 | |
| 82.6 | 68.2 | Second Interest | | | 82.6 | 1.77 | |
| 26 | G.G.Securities: | | | | | | |
| Three Quays, Tower Hill, EC3R 6BQ | | | 01-626 4588 | | | | |
| 1 | London Wall, Exec & Gen Inc | | 01-588 2800 | | | | |
| 243.0 | 165.0 | Do Accum | 211.0 | 224.0 | 2.19 | | |
| 243.0 | 165.0 | Amer Recovery | 237.0 | 251.0 | 1.25 | | |
| 243.0 | 165.0 | Am Smaller Co | 48.1 | 51.1 | 0.63 | | |
| 243.0 | 165.0 | Do Accum | 48.1 | 51.1 | 0.63 | | |
| 243.0 | 165.0 | Am Small Co's | 47.5 | 50.6 | 0.15 | | |
| 243.0 | 165.0 | Cap Growth Inc | 37.0 | 39.2 | 1.22 | | |
| 243.0 | 165.0 | Do Accum | 38.7 | 39.6 | 1.22 | | |
| 243.0 | 165.0 | Japan Spec Sits | 98.1 | 104.0 | 0.41 | | |
| 243.0 | 165.0 | Do Accum | 98.1 | 104.0 | 0.41 | | |
| 243.0 | 165.0 | Financial TRU | 94.8 | 100.7b | 3.71 | | |
| 243.0 | 165.0 | Fixed Interest | 91.5 | 94.0 | 10.29 | | |
| 243.0 | 165.0 | Do Accum | 91.5 | 94.0 | 10.29 | | |
| 243.0 | 165.0 | Irish American | 134.4 | 134.6 | 2.58 | | |
| 243.0 | 165.0 | Prop & Gilt | 47.5 | 50.0 | 10.00 | | |
| 243.0 | 165.0 | Do Accum | 47.5 | 50.0 | 10.00 | | |
| 243.0 | 165.0 | Inc & Growth | 108.8 | 115.1 | 3.78 | | |
| 243.0 | 165.0 | Inc & Assets | 104.2 | 110.2 | 4.43 | | |
| 243.0 | 165.0 | International | 108.0 | 114.0 | 1.00 | | |
| 243.0 | 165.0 | N Am Exempt | 78.9 | 78.5 | 3.41 | | |
| 243.0 | 165.0 | Oil & Nat Res | 77.3 | 81.4 | 2.25 | | |
| 218.0 | 207.0 | World Wide | 218.0 | 231.0 | 3.79 | | |
| | | Hill Samuel Unit Trust Managers. | | | | | |
| 45 | Beech St, EC2P 2LX | | 01-628 8011 | | | | |
| 117.6 | 102.7 | Dollar | 107.4 | 107.9 | 2.64 | | |
| 152.3 | 92.3 | International | 93.2 | 98.1 | 2.61 | | |
| 117.1 | 102.2 | Financial | 102.2 | 107.6 | 3.67 | | |
| 417.2 | 330.0 | Do Guernsey | 412.0 | 433.0 | 2.67 | | |
| 113.7 | 93.0 | Capital | 97.5 | 102.6 | 2.98 | | |
| 203.1 | 164.0 | Exempt | 203.0 | 213.7 | 3.84 | | |
| 228.1 | 224.8 | Gilt & Fixed | 227.3 | 239.4 | 10.42 | | |
| 239.1 | 211.0 | Scot | 239.1 | 251.7 | 3.68 | | |
| 88.2 | 73.0 | High Yield | 80.1 | 83.7 | 6.83 | | |
| 97.0 | 80.0 | Natural Res | 94.3 | 99.3 | 2.58 | | |
| 149.5 | 126.0 | Security | 146.0 | 153.7 | 3.82 | | |
| 87.0 | 70.0 | Smaller Co's | 87.0 | 91.6 | 1.56 | | |
| 87.0 | 70.0 | Special Sits | 87.0 | 91.6 | 1.56 | | |
| 97.0 | 80.0 | Gilt & Fl Gth | 96.9 | 99.4 | 9.84 | | |
| 94.2 | 80.0 | European | 94.2 | 99.2 | 1.50 | | |
| | | Key Fund Managers Ltd. | | | | | |
| 57-63 | Princess St, Manchester | | 061-2369626 | | | | |
| 118.7 | 114.0 | Equity & Gen. | 117.9 | 124.0 | 4.43 | | |
| 63.4 | 57.4 | Key Fixed Int | 57.5 | 61.5 | 11.41 | | |
| | | Kleinwort Benson Unit Managers | | | | | |
| 20 | Fenchurch St, EC3 | | 01-623 8000 | | | | |
| 31.8 | 31.9 | U.K. Equity Gth | 31.8 | 33.5 | 3.88 | | |
| 31.8 | 31.9 | U.K. Income | 31.8 | 33.5 | 3.88 | | |
| 31.8 | 31.9 | Worldwide Gth | 31.8 | 33.5 | 3.88 | | |
| 31.8 | 31.9 | Int Equity Inc | 31.8 | 33.5 | 3.88 | | |
| 102.8 | 102.6 | Int Equity Gen | 102.8 | 108.2 | 3.88 | | |
| 102.8 | 102.6 | Int Bond | 102.8 | 108.2 | 3.88 | | |
| 102.8 | 102.6 | Int Equity Acc | 102.8 | 108.2 | 3.88 | | |
| 102.8 | 102.6 | High Yld

STOCK MARKET REPORT

# American brokers at Bridon meeting starts bid talk

**Derek Pain and Pam Spooner**

**Bridon**, the wire rope maker, had unusual visitors at its annual shareholders meeting yesterday, causing quite a stir.

Three American stockbrokers listened to the speech from Mr Jack Laird, the chairman and other attenders came away with the impresssion that the Americans were there to represent trans-Atlantic interests. As a result, the market later heard tales of a stake being built up by US buyers, with jobbers bracing themselves for action in the stock.

There is plenty of material with which to build hopes of a bid from America, and analysts were quick to latch on to the idea. Bridon has pushed hard into a highly competitive market in North America, and now has about 15 to 20 per cent of US wire rope business. That places it in the top three producerrs in the country.

Trading profit throughout the group is substantially ahead, analysts believe, and on fundamentals alone Bridon looks a worthwhile "buy". Quilter, Goodison, the broker, reckons the company can make profits of £20 million this year, against a total of £14.5 million in 1984.

That puts Bridon on a prospective p/e rating of just under 7, a cheap investment for anyone. And for any predatory Americans, Bridon looks a positive bargain. Market men believe a buyer would get the company for a total bill of about £120 million.

**Expect action soon at Control Securities, the property group, where Mr Nanuza Virani, the chairman of Belhaven Brewery, is moving in as chairman. The company has acquired Saudi backing and is expected to reorganize its property portfolio, concentrating on UK investments. The shares held at 38p yesterday, 5p off their 1985 peak.**

But Mr Graham Beswick, a finance director of Bridon, thinks suck talk is stretching reality. "The City adding two and two and making five. I believe the presence of those US brokers signals nothing more than genuine investment interest", he says.

"We are not aware of any stake accumulated, and we do keep an eye on our share register".

In the meantime, the Bridon share price showed a modest 2p gain to 139p at the official close of business, but some late buying was reported.

Equities, as measured by the FT-SE share index, scaled new peaks again yesterday. Index, based on 100 blue chips, surged 15.9 points to 1,342.4 points. Since trading commenced on Friday it has advanced 36.1 points.

The FT 30 share index just missed what is becoming an elusive high. It closed 10 points higher at 1,022.3 points its best level since it achieved its highest ever 1,024.5 points in January.

The success of the British Aerospace share sale, keen institutional demand and a crop of cheerful company statements helped the market higher. But Government stocks experienced a quiet day with falls of up to £¼ at the medium and long end of the market and short-term stocks little changed.

British Aerospace gained 5p to 423p and the partly paid rose 2p to 247p.

Associated Dairies rose 4p to 158p as 27 million shares were placed by Scrimgeour Vickers, the broker. The stock came from Morgan Grenfell, the banker, which acquired them as part of the Asda merger with MFI Furniture Group.

Distillers Co., the spirits group, rose 5p to 298p. The company, which owns 4.9 per cent of Bank of Scotland, has decided not to be to take up its rights entitlement.

Trusthouse Forte lost 5p to 148p as one broker delicately shaved its profits forecast. Imperial Group continued to flutter on Howard Johnson sale stores and rose 2p to 196p.

Drug company shares got a shot in the arm from stock market talk, with Glaxo Holdings and Fisons claiming much of the attention.

A visit to the broker, James Capel, on Tuesday paid off for Glaxo, the leading drug company's shares rising a steady 30p to 1225p through the day. Sales of the group's anti-ulcer drug Zantac continue to go well in America, apparently taking 45 per cent of that market in March.

As a result, Mr Robin Gilbert, the analyst at Capel, has upped his profit forecast for the year to June from £425 million to £450 million, putting Glaxo on a prospective p/e rating of about 15 – below the usual star grade for the company. Last year Glaxo produced pretax profits of £256 million.

Glaxo has also been able to obtain a 10 per cent price increase in the US for Zantac, which is firmly established as the world's number two best-selling drug. Smith Kline Beckham, of the United States produce the number one, Glaxo's great rival Tagamet.

There has been some concern that another entrant to the anti-ulcer medicines market – from Yamanouchi, the Japanese producer – will halt the rapid growth in Zantac sales. But Mr Gilbert, who has followed Glaxo and its fortunes closely, believes Tagamet is more likely to be hurt by the Japanese rival.

The source of market excitement looks to have been a recent medical industry meeting in America, where the upcoming product was mentioned.

Market men were also considering ideas of the effect of a share flotation for the Wellcome Foundation, the massive private drugs group. Thoughts are that an issue of only 20 per cent of Wellcome shares will leave demand unsatisfied, especially since the company will undoubtedly go into the FT-SE share index.

As a result, institutions will need more drug sector shares to achieve a proper weighting of their portfolios.

Cadbury Schweppes eased 1p at 160p. American investors, through Morgan Guaranty Trust, now account for 8.7 per cent of the capital.

BTR responded to its £142 million American tyre sale and optimistic noises at the yearly shareholders' meeting with a 18p gain to 757p; Glynwed rose 6p to 198p on its shareholders' meeting and Pilkington Brothers gained 8p to 301p ahead of figures next month. Consortium bid hopes continued to influence W. H. Smith and Son, up 8p to 230p.

Debenhams experienced another active session with an early decline arrested by some keen buying.

At the close the shares were down 1p at 306p with the Burton Group, which has yet to finally remove its hat from the bid arena, 2p lower at 468p.

On the "real" takeover front Peek Holdings lost 3p to 24p as its bitterly contested bid for Energy Services and Electronics failed by the proverbial whisker. ESE fell 3p at 94p.

Oils were helped by Ultramar's 75 per cent profits advance. Ultramar rose 8p to 238p and Shell 10p to 710. But Burmah Oil, with its approach from Heron International still creating attention, fell 6p to 289p.

Bid talk again set share prices in the foods sector moving. United Biscuit stays on the list of possible buys for Imperial Group, and the UB price rose 10p to 188p. Rowntree Mackintosh, which was Tuesday's choice for an offer from Imperial, gained another 4p to 440p.

Ranks Hovis MacDougall shared in the rush of speculative business, rising 8p to 160p, but there was bad news for Hillards, the food retailer, which fell 29p to 381p as its takeover hopes faded.

UB was also influenced by discussion of its rights issue; market men firmly decided that the near £100 million cash call has gone well.

Grattan continued to enjoy its favouritism with the analysts, rising another 6p to 214p, and Sears Holdings, which pleased the City with a £175.2 million profit figure on Tuesday, put on a strong advance, rising 5p to 98½p.

Christie International, the auctioneering business, took a knock from weakening of the dollar, a source of a substantial chunk of profits for the company. The market trimmed 17p off the Christie price, to 576p.

**The nil-paid shares of British Empire Securities and General Trust began trading this week at about 1p. This reflects the difference between the recent rights price of 28p and 29p market price. There are hints that some of the big US stock market players may be lurking in the wings. Even so, the nil-paid could be a highly-geared way into what will be a London springboard for the Dallas-based William K. Woodruff & Co. Woodruff is destined to end up with at least 25 per cent of the equity. The fully-paid shares make their bow on June 3.**

**It is unusual for leading brokers to issue circulars about small companies but Emray, the financial services to garage group, which has just announced peak profits of £801,885, is likely to feature soon in three such broker missives. One will be from James Capel and Company, which regards the shares (about 18p) as attractive. Mr. Neil Blackley, an analyst points out that under the chairmanship of Mr Lionel Altman, earnings per share have increased sharply. He is forecasting profits of £950,000 in the present year.**

## Traded option highlights

**British Aerospace had a warm welcome on the traded options market yesterday, the first day of dealings there. It chalked up the highest volume of the day, at 1,210 contracts traded, beating even BT which has dominated the scene**

**BT volume reached 1,162, and Imperial Grand Met and CU contracts were also heavily traded to produce a total day's volume of 8,550.**

**Prices for the new BAe contracts were as follows: calls – 390, 420 and 460 were 43p-48p, 26p-29p and 8½p-11p respectively, while November calls of the same sizes, were 53p-58p, 35p-40p and 17p-20p. Puts were priced at, (August 390, 420 and 460) 3p-6p, 12p-17p and 37p-42p and (November) 9p-12p, 20p-25p and 45p-50p.**

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# Grand Met rises to the challenge

What do generic cigarettes, fitness kits, West Germany and milk have in common? Not a lot is the answer, apart from the fact that all four are problem areas for Grand Metropolitan. The fall-off for Grand Met in cigarettes, in particular, affected this year's interim profits knocking about £15 million off the previous year's £147 million instead of boosting it by the same amount.

The argument for bears is that no group with such a predilecion for high gearing – now around 54 per cent of equity – can afford such setbacks, especially when the group's position in several key consumer markets is less than dominant.

But it is worth pointing out that the balance of expectation in the City about Grand Metropolitan is now changing. A year ago, analysts were shocked to hear of the problems. Now they are enthusing about the capable management response to a changing set of imperatives.

Even after yesterday's 10p jump in the share price to 318p, the prospective p/e is only aroung 10, so any buying interest has a reasonable safety net. It also has the support of an attractive spread of quality earnings.

During the first six months of the year, hotel profits moved ahead by over a fifth to £10.6 million, while the Wines & Spirits division chipped in a hadsome £68.6 million (£59.1 million). Despite Bass's bid to take over the UK pub world, brewing profits were unchanged at £30 million.

A small rise in the dividend to 4p is underpinned by group hopes of pushing gearing down by rebuilding reserves.

## Commercial Union

Commercial Union, the troubled composite insurance company, reversed its recent form yesterday by announcing first quarter figures which were, in some respects at least, better than the market had expected. As usual, the United States operations dragged the results down, but the underwriting result in Britain somewhat surprisingly improved, limiting the overall pretax loss to £17.5 million, down from £8.4 million in last year's first quarter.

Although the weather in Britain was bad last winter, CU has escaped with fewer claims than it did a year earlier, when wind caused heavy losses. And although motor claims are still rising, CU was not hit nearly as badly in this sector as General Accident, for example, clearly was. Part of the reason was a reduction in the amount of CU's motor business and some success in raising its premium rates. A drive to reduce expenses through staff cuts also helped.

Luck seems to be the main explanation for the relatively light fire losses when fire claims in Britain are reaching record proportions. The result was that last year's first quarter operating loss of £10.5 million was converted into a small profit of £3 million.

In the US, however, the operating loss continued to deteriorate sharply, from £10.3 million to £31.7 million as claims on several types of commercial business increased again.

The most interesting aspect of the US result was the dramatic effect of CU's new policy, announced last year, of cutting out the least profitable areas of business. It has terminated whole lines of new business, such as commercial special risks, and has cut back ruthlessly its network of agents, producing a drop in overall US premium income of 28 per cent. Given the continuing tightness of the US insurance market, the speed of this reduction is surprising.

The wisdom of it is also questionable. Since the fall in premium income has exceeded the company's efforts at cost-cutting the expense ratio has deteriorated. And although the decision to reduce US Business was taken when markets were extremely bad, CU now insists – in common with other insurers – that premium rates there are rising fast, particularly in commercial business. On the face of it, CU appears to be damaging its own recovery potential.

This has not deterred the stock market, CU's shares advanced another 5p to 231p after the results were announced.

## London & Northern

Yesterday's preliminary statement from London and Northern Group added very little to the fountain of knowledge about the company's performance in 1984 and its prospects for this year. With dealings in the new rights shares still in progress there was a legitimate reluctance to expand too much on the document which accompanied the £14 million fund raising exercise announced last month.

Pretax profits of £18.4 million were £400,000 ahead of forecast and well up on the £15.5 million recorded in the previous year although the figures were flattered by a full 12 months' contribution from the United Medical Enterprises acquisition. Sadly, the same kind of advance could not be repeated at the earnings per share level, where the increased captial restricted the rise to 12.3p from an adjusted 11.8p.

The dividend increase of 9 per cent was therefore not surprisingly pitched somewhere between the rates of earnings improvement of 4.2 per cent and profits growth of 18.7 per cent. With L&N regarded as firmly as ever as a yield stock the future dividend policy has added importance.

The shares are yielding around 9 per cent and although this figure has been higher it still has its attractions. These may not be quite so obvious to the company as to the income funds and there is no doubt that L&N would like to see a little more by way of capital growth. Quite where this is going to come from remains to be seen.

The company insists that it is moving away from its traditional reliance on the construction industry into the more glamorous areas such as health and oil service support. The transition is not, perhaps, as orderly as L&N would make it out to be. Although overseas construction profits were reduced in 1984 that reflected a failure to obtain work rather than a conscious withdrawal from the industry.

This year L&N could make around £22 million at the pretax level but it is only the yield on the shares, up 1½p at 79p, which provides any kind of attraction.

## Gilts

The small flora and fauna in the gilt market garden of delight continued to bloom yesterday as the low coupon mediums put on a net ¼ point relative to the rest of the market.

Traders apparently are buying Gas 3 per cent 1990/95 in the hope that it is an "easy terms" way into the British Gas flotation. A similar inverted logic seems to lie behind enthusiasm for Redemption 3 per cent 1986/96. The stock was issued in 1936 as compensation under the Tithe Act, and just £41 million is outstanding.

Meanwhile, yesterday's low key announcement by the authorities that part of the gilt sale and repurchase facilities are to be renewed until early June implies continuing, albeit reduced, money market pressures this month.

The authorities stand a sporting chance of containing these, assuming they refrain from tapping the market. Whether they need to do this in the context of buoyant £M3 growth recently, remains to be seen.





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- Pre-tax profits £18.3m (1983 – £15.5m)
- Total dividend 4.9p (1983 – 4.5p)
- Earnings per share 12.3p (1983 – 11.8p)
- Major acquisition of Rockville Crushed Stone Inc. in USA in May 1985
- Satisfactory start to 1985 to which Rockville expected to make material contribution

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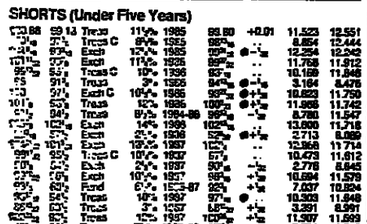
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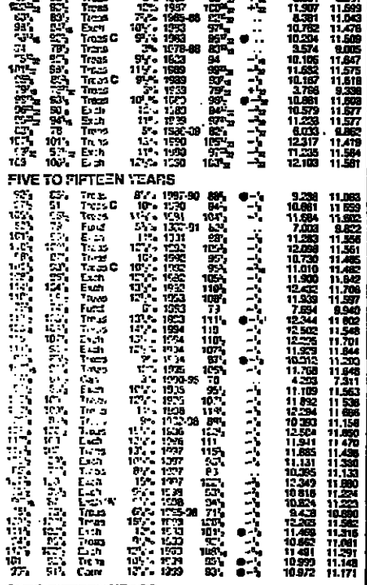
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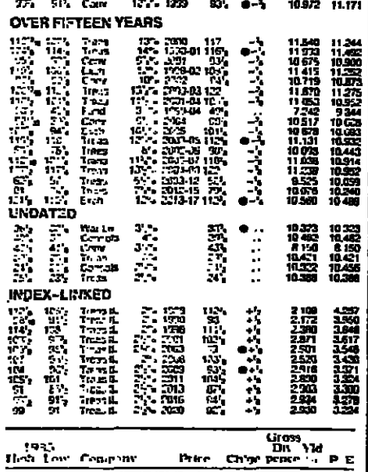
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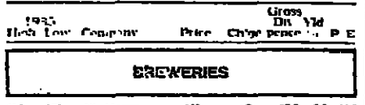
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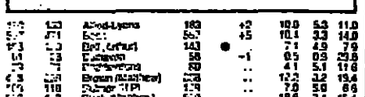
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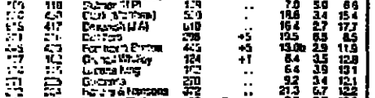
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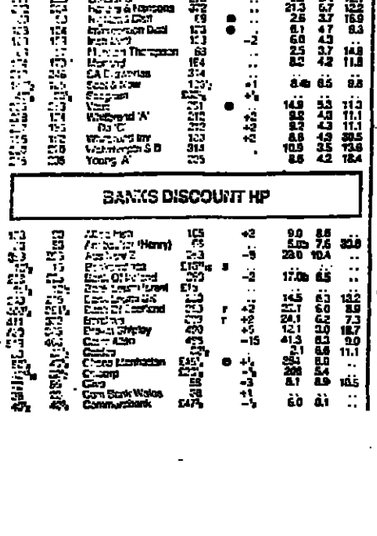


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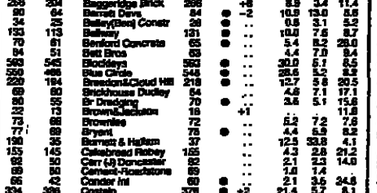
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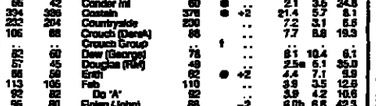
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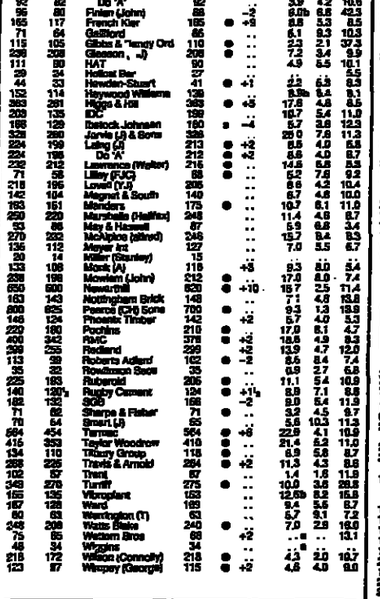
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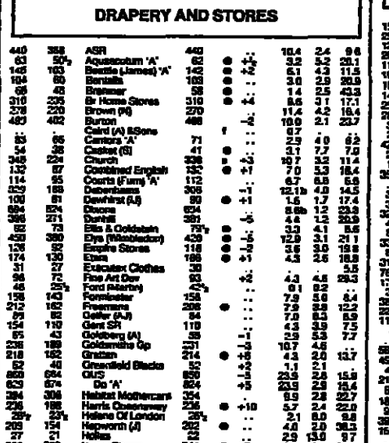
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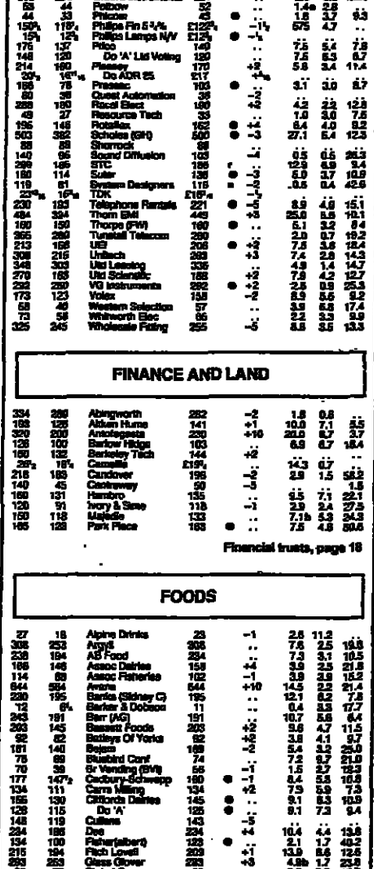


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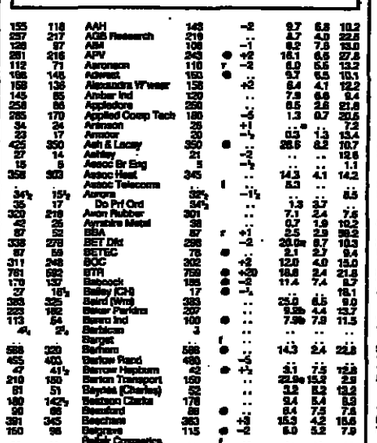


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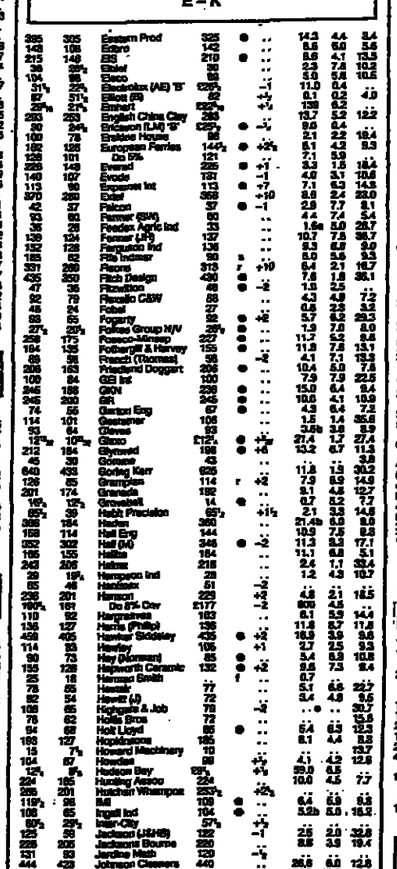
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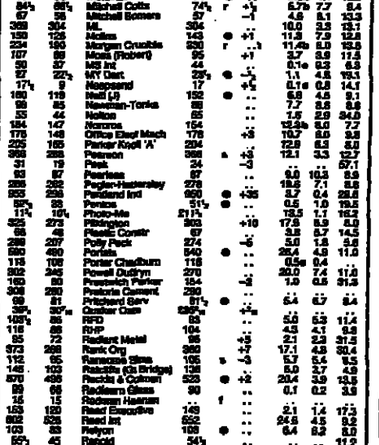
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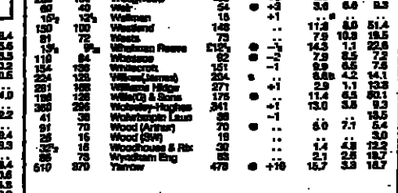
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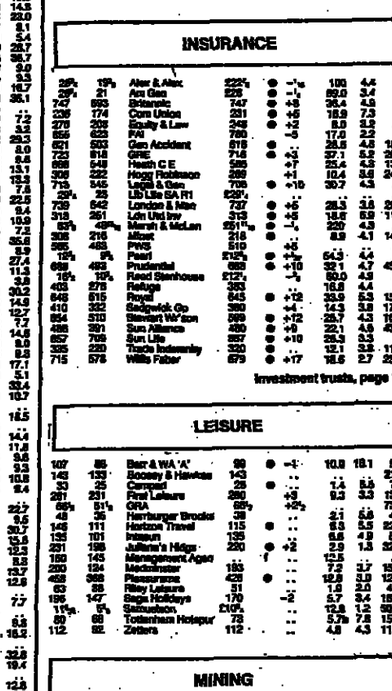


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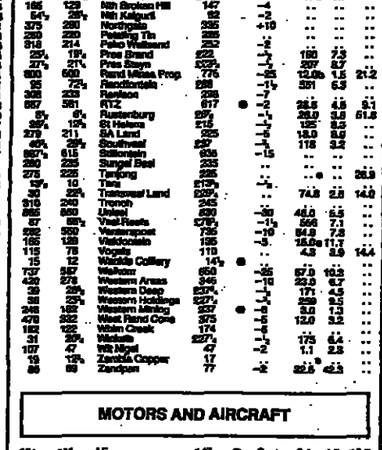
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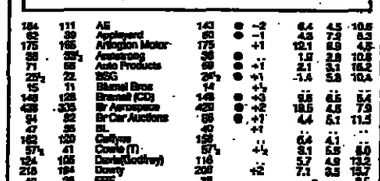
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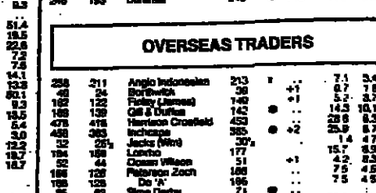


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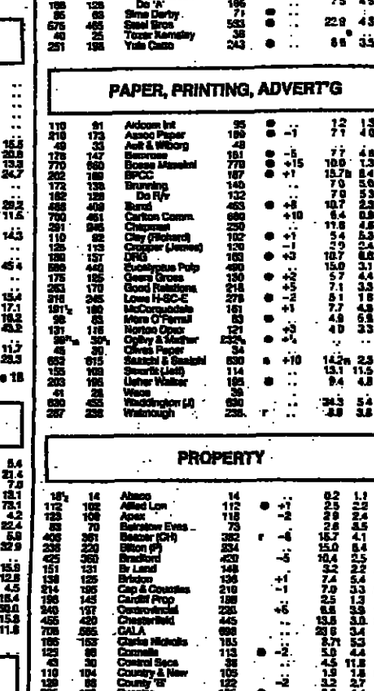
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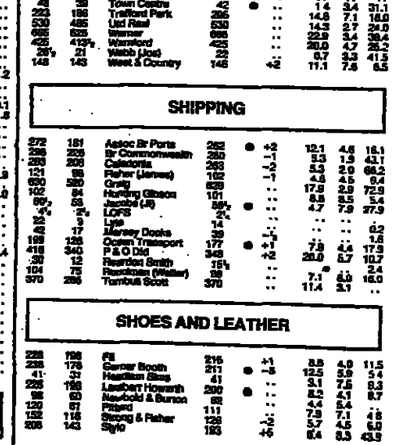
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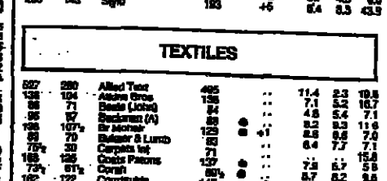
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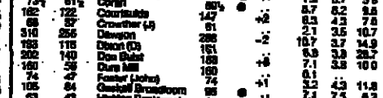
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# Chancellor denies crisis in manufacturing trade deficit

By David Smith, Economics Correspondent

Mr Nigel Lawson, the Chancellor, yesterday denied that Britain's deteriorating trade position in manufacturing represented a crisis. He also hit back at recent big business criticism of the Government's economic policies.

Mr Lawson was giving evidence to the Lords Overseas Trade Committee. At the end of last month, Lord Weinstock, the chairman of GEC, and Mr John Harvey-Jones, the ICI chairman, criticized government policy towards manufacturing industry in front of the same committee.

The Lord's committee is examining the sharp shift into deficit of Britain's non-oil trade, and the way that the Government's policies may have contributed to that shift.

Last year, there was a non-oil visible trade deficit of £11.4 billion. That compared with a surplus of £1.2 billion as recently as 1980.

Lord Aldington, the chairman of the committee, said that the majority of the evidence received, totalling around 200 submissions, suggested that "something fairly near a crisis exists in the situation that has developed over the country's manufacturing balance of trade".

The Chancellor said that he did not regard the situation as a crisis

He listed four reasons for optimism on the balance of payments. Oil self-sufficiency would last until the end of the century, he predicted, and the balance on non-oil trade would improve in response to a decline in the real exchange rate. In addition, the rapid build-up of overseas assets would generate future earnings, while the services sector continued to boost its overseas earnings.

The committee asked about the point raised by Lord Weinstock, in earlier evidence – that cuts in overseas aid would hit exporters.

"Lord Weinstock is in the business of extracting money from the Government and he does so on a large scale", Mr Lawson said. "I don't think he is in any position to complain."

He accused Lord Weinstock of "colourful hyperbole" in describing a future in which the economy would be dominated by the services sector.

Mr Lawson also rose to Mr Harvey-Jones's challenge. Asked about the decline in the real trade surplus of the chemicals industry, a point that had been made to the committee by the ICI chairman, the Chancellor said businessmen "always begin by bleating and moaning".

Mr Lawson grew increasingly irritated during the two-hour session, and Lord Aldington made it clear in his summing-up that he had failed to satisfy the committee that the Treasury was sufficiently concerned about Britain's manufacturing decline.

Members of the committee are to visit Japan, Germany and France before delivering their report.

# Minister admits gas veto may hit supplies

By Our Energy Correspondent

Mr Alick Buchanan-Smith, the Energy Minister, has admitted that the Government's veto of the £27 billion contract under which British Gas was to buy gas from the Norwegian sector of the North Sea could cause supply problems to the gas industry in the 1990s.

He said yesterday: "We do freely acknowledge there is a possibility of a supply-demand gap emerging."

However, he told the Commons Energy Select Committee that the gap would be so small that the British Gas problem could be solved by importing a small amount of gas from Norway or Holland.

He added that he did not feel Anglo-Norwegian relations had been harmed by the Government's cancellation of the contract.

He said that the Norwegian Government was disappointed but rejected the suggestions made by the Labour MP, for Hartlepool, Mr Ted Leadbitter, that "some of us think the Government should have kept its nose out of the trough".

The minister said: "The wider implications of the contract made it right that the Government should have a view and was also acting on suggestions made by this committee that we should be involved in such major decisions."

Mr Buchanan Smith, told the committee, that the recent government upward revision of natural gas reserves in British waters – almost equal to the 7 trillion cu ft that British Gas wanted to buy from Norway – had mainly been confirmed last year after new incentives introduced in the 1983 Budget had led to an upsurge in exploration drilling.

He said that the detailed British Gas negotiations had begun in 1983 before this information was available.

# Shell boost for N Sea jobs

By David Young, Energy Correspondent

The most expensive project in the 10 years of North Sea oil production is to be announced next week by Shell, offering contracts worth £2.5 billion and an opportunity to create several thousands jobs.

The Gannet project, planned by Shell and its exploration partner, Esso, is the first proposal to develop a cluster of small North Sea oil and gas fields as a single unit sharing processing and transport facilities.

So far, contracts worth about £13 million have been placed with British companies for the early project design work.

Discussions are being held with the Department of Energy and a decision to seek the department's formal approval for a development plan could be made by next year.

The fields could start production in 1991 after completion of successful design work, final financial approval by Shell and Esso and detailed approval by the Department of Energy.

The construction of the jackets and topsides for the Gannet platforms would provide more than 6,000 jobs over three years, with fabrication tenders being invited in 1987. The equipment and facilities needed to bring the platforms into production could provide several thousand more jobs.

The central North Sea area in which the Gannet fields lie was first examined by Shell and Esso in the mid-1970's, when the Fulmar field 66 miles to the south-east was found.

Four of the projects' fields are in the Gannet area, in 300ft of water, 112 miles east of Aberdeen. The fifth is Kittiwake, 26 miles north-west of Gannet in 278ft of water. Total recoverable reserves of the five fields are 220 million barrels of oil and 600 billion cubic feet of natural gas.

THe Shell proposals, which will be presented to the rig construction industry next week, call for a main processing platform in the centre of the Gannet area with the other fields being linked with unmanned satellite production platforms. The gas line, running from Fulmar to St Fergus, near Aberdeen, already runs through the area and gas will be used, but details of how oil willbe brought ashore are still under consideration.

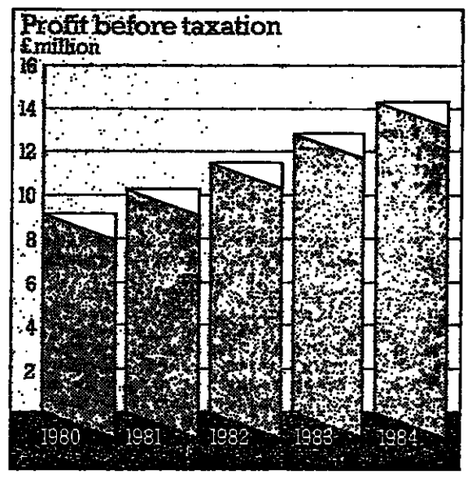

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## Steady growth maintained

- ☐ Further increase in pre-tax profit – up 10 per cent.
- ☐ Dividend for the year increased by 12½ per cent and 1-for-1 scrip issue proposed.
- ☐ Good results in both the UK and Australia from the mechanical and electrical sector despite keen margins.
- ☐ Oil, gas and chemical sector performed well in the UK and Holland but results from the USA remain disappointing.
- ☐ UK mining operations affected by the miners' strike, whilst the American mining market still remains depressed.
- ☐ Group order book sound and a reasonable year in 1985 anticipated.




Summary of Results

| | 1984 £'000 | 1983 £'000 |
|---|---|---|
| Turnover | 382,769 | 361,165 |
| Value Added | 201,439 | 187,195 |
| Profit on ordinary activities before taxation | 14,245 | 12,862 |
| Profit attributable to shareholders | 6,914 | 3,903 |
| Shareholders' funds | 48,662 | 42,936 |
| Dividends per share | 7.875p | 7.0p |
| Earnings per share | 20.23p | 16.91p |

*The Summary of Results shown above is an abridged version of the audited accounts which have been, and will be, filed with the Registrar of Companies. The Auditors' reports are unqualified*

*The Annual General Meeting will be held in London on Friday, 7th June, 1985.*

Copies of the Annual Report 1984, containing the Chairman's Statement in full and a Review of the Year, may be obtained from the Secretary, Matthew Hall PLC, Matthew Hall House, 7 Baker Street, London W1M 1AB. Telephone: 01-935 9384. Telex: 291441.



# GRAND METROPOLITAN

## INTERIM REPORT 1985

I stated at the Annual General Meeting in March that it seemed inevitable that the group's profits before taxation for the first half of the current year would be significantly lower than those reported for the same period last year. In the event, the profit before taxation for the first half was £131.9 million compared with £147.0 million a year ago and earnings per share were 12.6p as against 13.0p.

Brewing made satisfactory progress in the United Kingdom, and would have reported significantly higher trading profits but for disappointing results in a difficult market in Germany. Consumer Services achieved an improved overall performance from its retailing, leisure and contract services activities which cushioned the impact of a reduced contribution from casino operations arising from increased competition in the London gaming market. The results of Foods began to benefit from the action taken by management to adjust to the structural changes in the market for milk products which have affected performance in recent years.

The fall in trading profits reported for the United States sector as a whole conceals underlying growth in the earnings of many of its operations. In part, the fall in trading profits was attributable to reduced levels of consumer demand for fitness equipment. In the main, however, it reflected the continuing effects of price competition in the market for generic and private label cigarettes and the absence of any contribution to trading profits from the cigarette operation. The discounts first introduced by a competitor almost a year ago in the form of promotional price incentives have recently been extended for a further six months to 31 December, 1985.

In the International sector, Hotels took full advantage of strong demand for hotel accommodation in Europe, and once again generated trading profits which compared favourably with the corresponding period of last year. Wines and Spirits achieved further growth in almost every part of the world, and is now much the largest single contributor to the trading profits of the group.

The benefit arising from translation of the trading profits of the United States operation into sterling at a lower average rate of exchange was offset to some degree by the higher sterling cost of interest payable in US dollars.

The Board has decided to pay an interim dividend for the year ending 30 September, 1985 of 4.0p per share (1984–3.7p) on 7 October, 1985 to shareholders on the register on 30 August, 1985. The cost of the interim dividend will be £30.7 million (1984–£27.0 million).

*15 May, 1985* SG Grinstead *Chairman*

| | Half year to 31 March (unaudited) 1985 £m | 1984 £m | Year to 30 September 1984 £m |
|---|---|---|---|
| Turnover | | | |
| United Kingdom | | | |
| Brewing | 302.1 | 317.6 | 606.8 |
| Consumer Services | 579.6 | 550.8 | 1,174.6 |
| Foods | 367.6 | 352.8 | 777.8 |
| United States | | | |
| Consumer Products | 765.7 | 571.9 | 1,235.2 |
| International | | | |
| Hotels | 183.9 | 153.4 | 336.2 |
| Wines and Spirits | 551.5 | 492.4 | 942.4 |
| | 2,750.4 | 2,438.9 | 5,075.0 |
| Trading profit | | | |
| United Kingdom | | | |
| Brewing | 30.3 | 30.2 | 76.6 |
| Consumer Services | 28.3 | 32.0 | 67.4 |
| Foods | 11.1 | 8.7 | 16.4 |
| United States | | | |
| Consumer Products | 38.8 | 60.4 | 122.3 |
| International | | | |
| Hotels | 10.6 | 8.7 | 31.9 |
| Wines and Spirits | 68.6 | 59.1 | 129.3 |
| | 187.7 | 199.1 | 443.9 |
| Interest | (55.8) | (52.1) | (109.6) |
| Profit on ordinary activities before taxation | 131.9 | 147.0 | 334.3 |
| Taxation | (34.6) | (48.5) | (95.1) |
| Profit on ordinary activities after taxation | 97.3 | 98.5 | 239.2 |
| Minority shareholders' interests | (2.4) | (2.6) | (3.5) |
| Preference dividends | (0.2) | (0.2) | (0.5) |
| Profit attributable to ordinary shareholders | 94.7 | 95.7 | 235.2 |
| before extraordinary items | – | – | (20.0) |
| Deferred taxation | 26.0 | 10.7 | (4.2) |
| Other extraordinary items | 120.7 | 106.4 | 211.0 |
| Profit after extraordinary items | 12.6p | 13.0p | 32.4p |
| Earnings per share | | | |

NOTES
1 Profits and losses of overseas subsidiaries are translated into sterling at weighted average rates of exchange.
2 Sales of £37.2 million in respect of CC Soft Drinks Ltd were included in Brewing turnover in the first half of 1984 but excluded from the full year's figures following its sale in May, 1984.
3 The charge for taxation is estimated on the basis that the rate of UK corporation tax will be 42.5% (1984–47.5%) and includes overseas taxation of £14.4 million (1984–£27.2 million).
4 Earnings per share is calculated by reference to the profit attributable to ordinary shareholders before extraordinary items.
5 The figures for the year to 30 September, 1984 have been extracted from accounts which have been filed with the Registrar of Companies and contain an unqualified audit report.

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# Commercial Union

## 3 MONTHS REVIEW

to 31 March 1985

**An unaudited operating loss before taxation of £17.5m was incurred for the 3 months ended 31 March 1985. There was a substantial improvement in results in the United Kingdom but, as expected, experience in the United States continued to be poor.**

The operating result before taxation achieved outside the United States was a profit of £14.2m. In the United States a loss of £31.7m was sustained.

Non-life premium income reduced by 13% in underlying terms. This reflects the action taken last year to cancel unprofitable business in the United States and to reduce the scale of our operations there.

Investment income increased by 8%, but in underlying terms showed a marginal reduction.

Life profits in all territories showed an excellent underlying growth.

In the United States non-life premium income reduced in all sectors as planned and by 28% overall. The operating result is still adversely affected by inadequate premium rates. However, increased rates are being obtained on both personal and commercial business and this should benefit results later in the year. As expected, despite a reduction in expenses of 25%, the lower premium income caused the expense ratio to rise to 32.8% (1984 31.0%). The statutory operating ratio was 126.1 (1984 114.8% and for the full year 126.8%).

In the United Kingdom there was a marked improvement in the operating result which benefited from improved claims experience, particularly in the industrial fire account, and a lower level of weather related claims.

The Netherlands continued to maintain its high level of operating profits despite competitive market conditions which restricted premium growth to less than 1%.

In Canada non-life premium income was reduced further by strong competition, particularly in personal lines because of our refusal to lower underwriting standards. In these circumstances the operating profit is a good achievement.

In the Rest of the World, excluding associated companies, there was steady growth in premium income and a satisfactory underlying increase in operating profits.

| | 3 months 1985 Estimate £m | 3 months 1984 Estimate £m | Year 1984 Actual £m |
|---|---|---|---|
| Premium income | | | |
| Life | 174.6 | 146.3 | 495.6 |
| Non-life | 520.1 | 544.4 | 2,159.5 |
| Total | 694.7 | 690.7 | 2,655.1 |
| Investment income net of loan interest | 64.9 | 59.8 | 275.9 |
| Underwriting result | (99.9) | (84.1) | (439.4) |
| Life profits | 16.7 | 14.2 | 77.9 |
| Associated companies' earnings | 0.8 | 1.7 | 12.8 |
| Operating loss before taxation | (17.5) | (8.4) | (72.8) |
| Taxation and minorities | (4.2) | (0.9) | (15.5) |
| Operating loss | (21.7) | (9.3) | (88.3) |
| Realised investment gains | 0.6 | 7.1 | 53.4 |
| Loss attributable to shareholders | (21.1) | (2.2) | (34.9) |
| Earnings per share | | | |
| Operating loss | (5.26p) | (2.25p) | (21.44p) |
| Realised investment gains | 0.15p | 1.72p | 12.95p |
| | (5.11p) | (0.53p) | (8.49p) |
| Shareholders' funds | £1,005m | £1,045m | £1,073m |
| Operating loss before taxation | £m | £m | £m |
| United States | (31.7) | (10.3) | (146.9) |
| United Kingdom | 3.0 | (10.5) | 12.4 |
| Netherlands | 8.7 | 8.8 | 42.9 |
| Canada | 1.0 | 1.9 | 8.4 |
| Rest of the World | 1.5 | 1.7 | 10.4 |
| | (17.5) | (8.4) | (72.8) |
| Rates of exchange | | | |
| United States | $1.23 | $1.45 | $1.16 |
| Netherlands | Fls4.32 | Fls4.25 | Fls4.13 |
| Canada | $1.68 | $1.84 | $1.54 |

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COMMERCIAL PROPERTY ● £30m stadium site ● Science Park ● Shop schemes

# Uncertain times for Stock Conversion as Stockley holds back

By Judith Huntley

Stock Conversion and Investment Trust, in which Stockley now has a 22.4 per cent stake, is not about to sit back and let events overtake it. But it is as puzzled as the rest of the market as to what Stockley will do with its stake in Stock Conversion.

Several possibilities were put to the Stock Conversion board after Stockley won the battle to acquire Mr Robin Clark's family stake. Stockley has agreed not to make a bid for the whole company within six months and it appears it even asked Stock Conversion if it wanted to make a bid for Stockley.

Yet another option would be for Stockley to sell its stake. This would be no surprise to the market which regards Mr Jacob Rothschild, the financial brain behind Stockley, as primarily a trader.

Stock Conversion's board is keen to break the silence which has been a feature of the company for the last 40 years. A sign of the new approach at Stock Conversion is its desire to talk to both the press and the broking fraternity. While this looks like a case of being forced into the open by events, the company is adamant that plans were afoot not long after Mr Robert Clark's death to open up the company to greater public view.

Part of the change in management policy extends to the future acquisitions that Stock Conversion may make. The company is saying very little on this score but it is likely that it will acquire a small property company which would bring the kind of assets in which Stock Conversion is short, possibly in the retail field. Its low gearing means that raising money for such acquisitions presents no problems.

On the retail front, an announcement is expected very soon on the future of Stock Conversion's 16.5 acre White City stadium site in west London. It bought the stadium, now demolished, from the GRA Group for £1.7 million and it will be in the books at cost. Its value, once planning consent is forthcoming for a retail and mixed use development, could be nearer £30 million.

Interest in the site is keen and it seems one of the large superstore operators will be picked to develop there. The question is whether Stock Conversion will keep a stake on the development or take advantage of a rising retail market and sell out. The odds are that it will keep a close involvement with the scheme, a fairly new departure for the company.

The company also has plans to develop its site in the City at the Old Bailey where it owns the freehold with 100,000 sq ft of office space. Demand for this size of new quality office space in the City is riding high at the moment.

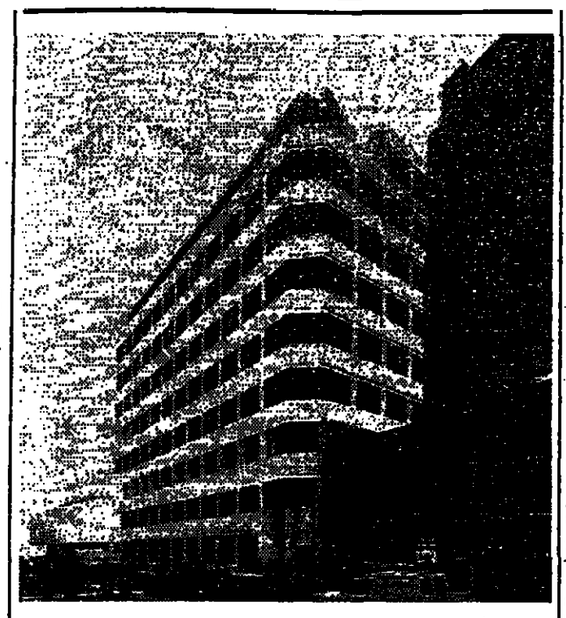
Stock Conversion has always had a significant presence in Scotland and the buoyant state of the office market in Glasgow justifies that involvement at the moment. It is believed that Stock Conversion has prelet its 52,000 sq ft Corunna House scheme in Cadogan Street at about £6.50 a sq ft which represents a good rent for this location, slightly edge of prime. The company plans to refurbish its 70,000 sq ft Blythwoood House development, also in Glasgow, which is being vacated by British Rail.

There will be no shortage of activity from Stock Conversion this year it seems, or at least what there is will be very much in the public eye. Mr Jonathan Lane, the group general manager, is the man being put under the spotlight along with Mr Harry Norris, the chairman. The spotlight will focus on a revaluation of the Stock Conversion portfolio. Those in the market expect to see some exciting developments from any external valuation, particularly as the large dealing portfolio is currently in the books at cost.

A move to revalue the portfolio may have been accelerated by the Stockley approach but the signs of change inside the company appear to have been there before Mr Robin Clark sold his shares. At last one of the giants of the property world is shaking itself out of what had seemed, even if unjustly, to be a profitable slumber.

Stock Conversion is not the only well-established, large property company to feel the wind of change. Land Securities too is moving in other directions. The market was disappointed with its results, expecting net asset value to be 410p when in fact it was 401p. But the management is venturing into new areas such as retail parks and has spent a great deal of money on upgrading its City portfolio.

Both Stock Conversion and Land Securities look like giving the pundits a run for their money and in Stock Conversion's case, it is launching a counter offensive against Stockley, making the prospect of a full bid more difficult.



## Offices at £2m a year

**A Land Securities' subsidiary, The City of London Real Property Company, has completed its 58,000 sq ft office development in the City of London at 6 Fenchurch Street. The property is on the market through Edward Erdman at a rent of £2 million a year which is £34.50 a sq ft.**

## Developers confident in buoyant retail sector

Hillier Parker's latest survey of shopping scheme developments confirms the buoyancy of the sector. The total amount of retail space under construction has risen since the beginning of March last year, reflecting the confidence in the market of developers, institutions and retailers.

At the beginning of March this year there were 6.19 million sq ft of space under construction, with 12.1 million sq ft planned or in the pipeline. The average size of schemes has risen from 111,000 sq ft to 137,500 sq ft.

There are 45 schemes of more than 50,000 sq ft under construction and future openings will increase, with 4.23 million sq ft of retail space started in 1984-85 in 31 schemes.

Hillier Parker says that an important factor in the new schemes is the willingness of store operators to commit themselves to anchor stores. Debenhams, for example, has opened in Colchester, Bolton, Hounslow, Southend and Coventry in the last few months.

# Kodak frees 12 acres of prime industrial land in Hertfordshire

● **Kodak is putting 12 acres at Hemel Hempstead, Hertfordshire on the market through the agents, Brian Cooper & Company and King & Company. The land could be developed for high technology use.**

**It is the largest amount of land to come on the market in the industrial area of Hemel Hempstead, close to the junction of the M1 and M25, and demand is likely to be good. Institutions and developers are keen to obtain such sites.**

**It is expected that prices of about £750,000 an acre will be on offer for the freehold. At the moment there are 200,000 sq ft of buildings on the site, but these are likely to go leaving the way clear for a new scheme.**

**Brüde Hall Developments is one of the names interested in bidding, and Guardian Royal Exchange and some of the underbidders for a site nearby in Apsley are thought to be considering it.**

● **The English Property Corporation, now part of Olympia and York, the Canadian developer, has let 20,000 sq ft of offices in Westminster Tower at Albert Embankment on the south side of the Thames to British Electricity International, a subsidiary of the Electricity Council, at £13 a sq ft as part of a package deal on a 25-year lease.**

**The remaining 30,000 sq ft in the new air conditioned building is still to be let. Healey & Baker, which acted for EPC says the letting shows signs of a pick up in the market south of the Thames and it comes after the pre-letting of 70,000 sq ft in the nearby Sea Containers House to Business Intelligence Services and at Dorset House to Customs and Excise.**

● **PosTel Investment Management, the pension fund manager for the Post Office and British Telecom, is putting £2.6 million into the Cambridge Science Park. PosTel has agreed to buy the 45,000 sq ft headquarters of Laser Scan Laboratories at the park. A 125-year lease is being granted to PosTel by Trinity College, Cambridge, and the deal is the first externally funded scheme at the Science Park. Bernard Thorpe & Partners represented PosTel and Sturgis Commercial acted for Laser Scan.**

● **Shearwater Estates, the joint company between Shearwater Property Holdings, a member of the Rosehaugh Group, and J Hepworth & Son, is to spend £16 million on redevelopment of the Peacock Way Shopping Centre in Northampton, built in the early 1960s.**

**The Northampton scheme will have 80,000 sq ft on two levels in an enclosed development with access from Abingdon Street and Market Square. Next, the fashion retailer, has already taken a prelet on a large unit in the project.**

**Shearwater bought the properties from Sterling Estates, a subsidiary of Royal Insurance for £5.75 million. The joint letting agents are Swindall Atkins & Partners, Shearer Harris & Partners and Hill Welsh. Hillier Parker acted for Sterling Estates.**

**The Northampton development is the second deal done by the joint company. It comes after the acquisition of the former Woolworth store in Northumberland Street, Newcastle which was also prelet too Next as that company's first mini-department store and its largest to date.**

● **The Crown Agents, which has sold its London headquarters at 4 Millbank to an American hotel operator, is now selling the freehold of its 35,500 sq ft office building at Truscon House, Lower Marsh, Waterloo. The Crown's agents, Savills, are asking £1.25 million for the space which is at present used as offices but could be used for other types of development.**

● **The Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation's new headquarters being build in the colony is to cost HK$4.8 billion (£490 million) compared with its estimated cost of HK$1.4 billion in 1981. However, the bank expects its 1984 profits of HK$2.59 billion to improve this year as the local economy picks up. The 1984 figure is 4 per cent up on the previous year.**

## Base Lending Rates

| | |
|---|---|
| ABN Bank | 12½% |
| Adam & Company | 12½% |
| Barclays | 12½% |
| BCCI | 12½% |
| Citibank Savings | †12½% |
| Consolidated Crds | 12½% |
| Continental Trust | 12½% |
| Co-operative Bank | 12½% |
| C. Hoare & Co | 12½% |
| Lloyds Bank | 12½% |
| Midland Bank | 12½% |
| Nat Westminster | 12½% |
| TSB | 12½% |
| Williams & Glyn's | 12½% |
| Citibank NA | 12½% |

† Mortgage Base Rate.


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FIRST QUARTER 1985

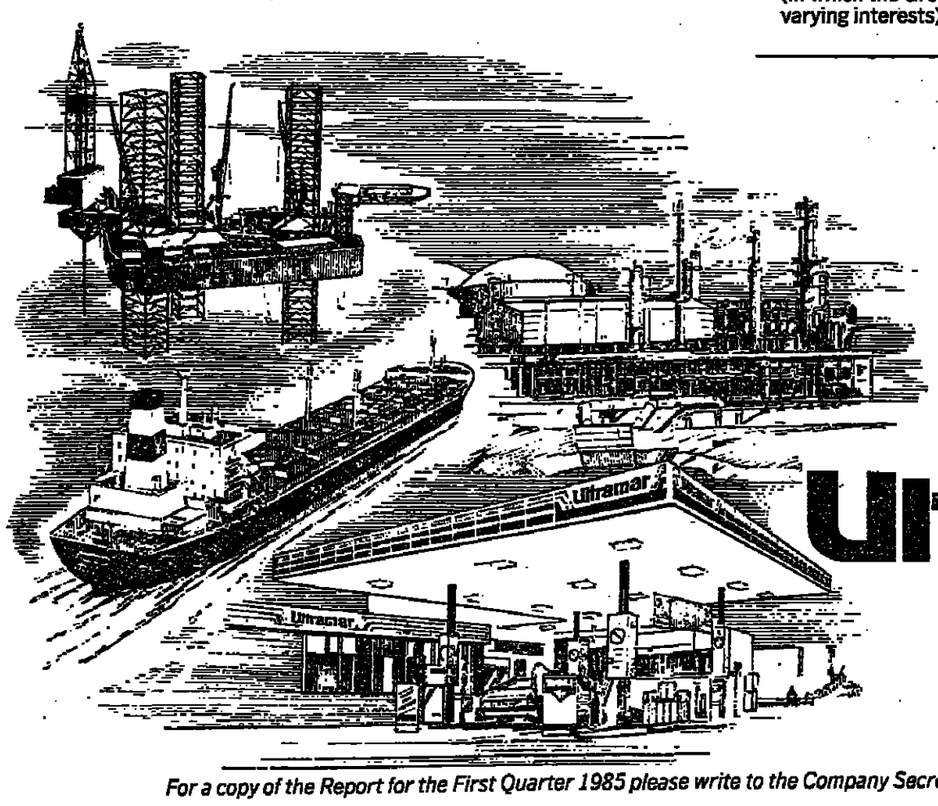
GOOD START TO 50TH ANNIVERSARY YEAR

- Record first quarter net profit of £46.4 million.
- Cash flow at quarterly all time high of £69.2 million.
- Oil and gas production exceeds 100,000 barrels per day of oil equivalent.
- Improved profitability from downstream operations in Eastern Canada and the UK, and the shipping division.
- Delivery taken of two 76,000 ton oil-bulk-ore carriers.
- Can. $250 million refinancing successfully completed.
- Good results expected for the remainder of 1985.

SUMMARY OF FINANCIAL RESULTS

| | First Quarter 1985 £ million | First Quarter 1984 £ million | Year 1984 £ million |
|---|---|---|---|
| Turnover (Sales revenue) | 820.4 | 784.3 | 3,260.4 |
| Profit on ordinary activities before taxation | 103.6 | 59.4 | 284.9 |
| Profit on ordinary activities after taxation | 46.4 | 32.3 | 127.6 |
| Cash flow from operations | 69.2 | 54.5 | 215.4 |
| Capital expenditures | 51.3 | 85.4 | 287.7 |

| OPERATING RESULTS | First Quarter 1985 | First Quarter 1984 | Year 1984 |
|---|---|---|---|
| Sales of oil (barrels per day) | 308,400 | 352,600 | 291,200 |
| Oil refined (barrels per day) | 75,600 | 110,300 | 104,000 |
| Oil produced (barrels per day) | 31,400 | 23,100 | 26,400 |
| Gas produced (thousands of cubic feet per day) | 432,200 | 259,100 | 340,000 |
| Gross wells drilled | 60 | 60 | 315 |
| Oil and gas wells completed (in which the Group has varying interests) | 33 | 46 | 201 |




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For a copy of the Report for the First Quarter 1985 please write to the Company Secretary at the above address.


## Law Report May 16 1985

# Granting relief from forfeiture

**In re K (deceased)**

Before Lord Justice Ackner, Lord Justice Griffiths and Lord Justice Browne-Wilkinson

[Judgment delivered May 8]

A wife who, having been assaulted by her husband, intended to deter him from further attack by threatening him with a loaded shotgun, but who then accidentally shot and killed him, was precluded by the forfeiture rule of public policy from taking any benefit under his will.

However, the court had jurisdiction under section 2 of the Forfeiture Act 1982 to grant her relief against forfeiture of any rights in property still in the hands of the personal representative at the time when the Act came into force, notwithstanding the provisions of sections 2 (7) and 7 (4) of the Act.

The Court of Appeal so held; affirming the judgment of Mr Justice Vinelott ([1985] 1 Ch 85) on an application by the executor of the deceased's will, and dismissing an appeal by the fourth defendant, a nephew of the deceased, who claimed an interest in the residuary estate under the will. The third defendant and the executor opposed the appeal.

Mr William Henderson for the appellant; Mr Francis Barlow for the wife; Mr Brian Jubb for the third defendant; Mr Robert Ham for the executor.

LORD JUSTICE ACKNER said that the testator and his wife had married in 1974. Later, there had been a history of increasing violence in the marriage, consisting of sudden and unprovoked attacks by the testator which the wife attributed to illness, a brain tumour or paranoid schizophrenia.

She remained with him because she thought she could help him. She had a refuge in the spare room, which she could lock until a violent outburst was over.

On September 30, 1982, following a trivial disagreement, the testator again attacked the wife. She began to retreat to her room.

As she got to the kitchen door she decided on the spur of the moment to pick up a shotgun which the testator kept loaded for the purpose of keeping down rabbits in the garden. She intended to use the gun as a deterrent but as she released the safety catch in order to attract the testator's attention, the gun went off, killing him.

The wife was prosecuted for murder but Mr Justice Woolf, sitting in Lewes Crown Court on May 4, 1983, accepted a plea of manslaughter after the Crown decided not to press the murder charge, and, in view of the circumstances of the killing, the wife was given the exceptional sentence of two years' probation.

The executor of the testator's estate applied to the Chancery Division of the High Court for a determination as to whether the forfeiture rule of public policy applied to preclude the wife taking any interest under the testator's will and, if so, whether there should be relief from forfeiture under the provisions of the 1982 Act.

Mr Justice Vinelott held, correctly in his Lordship's opinion, that although the wife had not intended to kill the testator, she had intended to frighten him by threatening him with a loaded gun from which she had released the safety catch and that that deliberate threat of violence was sufficiently serious, under the test propounded in *Gray v Barr* ([1971] 2 QB 553), to bring the forfeiture rule into operation so that the wife was precluded from taking any benefit under the will.

But the judge held that he had jurisdiction under the 1982 Act to grant her relief from forfeiture, and, in the exercise of his discretion, ordered that she should not be deprived of any of the benefits which the testator had chosen to confer upon her in his will.

Although the Forfeiture Act 1982 had been passed before the death of the testator, sections 1 to 3 and 5 did not come into force until October 10, 1982, two weeks after the death.

By section 7(4) an order could still be made under section 2 even though the death occurred before the Act came into force. But by section 2(7), such an order (granting relief against forfeiture) could not be made in respect of any "interest in property which, in consequence of the rule, has been acquired before the coming into force of this section by a person other than the offender . . ."

The appellant was a residual legatee under the will. His contention was that the "interests in property" to which section 2(7) applied were widely defined in section 2(4), read in conjunction with subsection (5), and extended to the right of a residual legatee during administration to have the estate duly administered.

Accordingly, in consequence of the forfeiture rule a right in property was "acquired" by each residual legatee by way of acceleration of his or her interests in remainder, or, alternatively, by the next of kin, who took the interests forfeited by the wife.

That right had been "acquired" at the death two weeks before the Act came into force, though it could not be known with certainty that it had been acquired until the operation of the rule had been decided by the court. The court could not, therefore, make an order modifying the effect of the rule in respect of those interests.

It followed, he contended, that section 7(4) only applied to preserve the right to apply for an order under section 2 in relation to any interest in property which had been divested by the forfeiture rule but which had not been acquired by anyone else.

In his Lordship's judgment, if that construction were correct, then the only exceptions to the operation of section 2(7) would be very limited, artificial and arbitrary. There was no rational basis for singling them out. There was no hint in the Act itself as to why Parliament should single them out.

In his Lordship's judgment, section 2(7) did not have such an effect. The word "acquired" in section 2(7) was used in a quite intelligible sense to denote property which had actually been transferred to a person entitled thereto by virtue of the operation of the rule, but it did not denote property still in the hands of the personal representatives when the section came into force.

It followed that the court's jurisdiction under section 2 covered all those interests in property held by the personal representatives at the time the Act came into force, and the court therefore had a discretion to grant relief against forfeiture of those interests.

A further ground of appeal was that the judge had exercised that discretion wrongly. The discretion granted under section 2(2) was a wide one. Having examined the way in which the judge exercised his discretion and having considered each of the appellants' complaints, his Lordship concluded that such criticism was ill-founded.

Lord Justice Griffiths and Lord Justice Browne-Wilkinson delivered concurring judgements.

Solicitors: George Coleman & Son, Haywards Heath; Thompson Snell & Passmore, Tunbridge Wells; Proctor Gillett; Cripps Harries Hall Tunbridge Wells.

# No tax relief on voluntary maintenance

**Harvey (Inspector of Taxes) v Sivyer**

Before Mr Justice Nourse

[Judgment delivered May 3]

A deed of separation under which a father made monthly payments for the maintenance of his young children in the care of their mother, constituted a settlement for the purposes of section 437 of the Income and Corporation Taxes Act 1970.

In a test case, Mr Justice Nourse, reversing a determination of the general commissioners for Dacorum made in favour of the mother, now Mrs Sivyer, held in the Chancery Division that the payments by the children's father, Mr Frank Youle, fell to be treated as his income and not as the income of his children.

Section 437 (1) provides: "Where, by virtue or in consequence of any settlement to which this chapter applies and during the life of the settlor, any income is paid to or for the benefit of a child of the settlor in any year of assessment, the income shall . . . be treated for all the purposes of the Income Tax Acts as the income of the settlor for that year and not as the income of any other person."

Mr Robert Carnwath, QC, for the Crown; Mr John Dick for Mrs Sivyer.

MR JUSTICE NOURSE said that Mr Youle had married the taxpayer in 1970 and they had three children. In 1980 they separated, the children remaining with their mother.

Mr Youle covenanted under the separation deed to pay each child £14 a month for their maintenance and in so doing completed certificates of deduction of income tax.

Mrs Sivyer's appeal against the tax inspector's refusal to allow the children's repayment claims was allowed by the commissioners. They held that the payments were made pursuant to Mr Youle's obligation to maintain his children and, following the guidance of the House of Lords in *Inland Revenue Commissioner v Plummer* ([1980]) AC 896), did not include an element of bounty. Thus they concluded that the deed of separation did not constitute a settlement within the definition in section 444 of the 1970 Act.

In *Yates v Starkey* ([1951] Ch 465) the Court of Appeal held that a court order requiring a husband to pay his former wife sums in trust for the children created a settlement. Since that case the practice of the Revenue was not to treat a court order as a settlement except in cases where it created a trust.

On the other hand where provision for children was made by way of covenant the practice was to treat the transaction as a settlement regardless of whether it was made under compulsion or out of parental obligation.

In the *Plummer* case it was held that a transaction could only be within the statutory definition of a settlement if it contained an element of bounty. How could it be said that a transaction entered into under compulsion contained an element of bounty? Had *Yates v Starkey* been overruled?

Had Lord Wilberforce in his speech in *Plummer* intended to overrule *Yates v Starkey* he would have done so. He evidently thought that there was no inconsistency between the element of bounty test and that decision.

He might have thought that the natural relationship between parent and child was one of such deep affection and concern that there had always to be an element of bounty by the parent even where the provision was on the face of things made under compulsion.

The decision of *Yates v Starkey* remained good law and could not, on its facts, be distinguished from the present case. The appeal was thus allowed.

Solicitors: Solicitor of Inland Revenue; A. J. Adams & Adams, Hemel Hempstead.

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SSAFA: Soldiers' Sailors' and Airmen's Families Association/1

By Malcolm Brown

# Help on the home front









Anthony Andrews (left, above) and Hannah Gordon with SSAFA's chairman, Lieutenant-General Sir Napier Crookenden, at the launch of this year's Son et Lumiere production, *Heart of the Nation*. Top, centre: The letter that started it all. Top right: The Queen Mother admires the modern poster that airman's daughter Shyla Assanand designed for SSAFA. Above, centre: The Princess of Wales, in a *Punch* cartoon offers help to a Boer War soldier's family. Above right: Queen Alexandra meets discharged soldiers at Gifford House, Roehampton, in 1923

It was a letter to *The Times* which led to the founding of the SSAFA.

The idea that the armed forces looked after their own was a bad joke in the 19th century. There were two types of army wife: those who were "on the strength of the regiment" – their marriages sanctioned by the Commanding Officer – and those who were not.

Since the CO would seldom give permission for marriage to those below the rank of senior NCO, many army wives lived in a kind of limbo.

Even those "on the strength" could be turned out of the barracks when the regiment went on active service. The others, the "phantom" wives, never got into the barracks in the first place. As far as the Army was concerned, they simply did not exist.

Just how disgraceful the situation was became apparent in 1885 when the Second Expeditionary Force set sail for Egypt. Army families were left behind in frightful conditions, many of them, quite literally, out on the street.

Major (later Colonel) James Gildea of the Royal Warwickshire Regiment (an unusual soldier with a social conscience who had already raised large sums for the widows and orphans of the Zulu and Afghan wars) was so appalled by what he saw that he wrote to *The Times* appealing to the public for funds and volunteers to help the families.

Gildea seems to have touched a responsive chord. Within a month a committee of 10 ladies had been set up as the core of what was to become the Soldiers' Sailors' and Airmen's Families Association. Some of the top brass still took some convincing.

A distinguished admiral approached by Gildea told the Major, in tones which brooked no argument, that, in the Navy, they knew of "no such useless appendage or encumbrance as a sailor's wife".

Luckily not many others, even in the senior service, seem to have adopted quite such a Neanderthal approach and the association rapidly began to gather support from both the services and the public. The ultimate seal of approval for the association soon came, first from Princess Alexandra and then from Queen Victoria.

By the end of its first year, the association had dispensed more than £500 (some £20,000 in today's money) to 231 women and 466 children, and the demands on its time, money and resources grew day by day.

The first real test came with the Boer War in 1899. A great number of the soldiers being sent to South Africa did what soldiers have often done before and since – they rushed into ill-considered marriages. The association soon found the scale of its operations had grown beyond anything previously imagined. In the three years the war lasted the association dealt with more than 200,000 widows and dependants and nearly a quarter-of-a-million children. More than £1.25 million was dispensed.

Wartime has always stretched the association, which has played a key role not just in aiding families but in keeping up the morale of those at the front. In the Second World War, servicemen posted overseas were intensely worried about the safety of their families, as news of German bombing raids on Britain spread. The SSAFA played a key part in operating a network to investigate and report on families' safety.

The association set up an overseas department at head office in May 1941 to deal with inquiries from men serving overseas. The number of inquiries quickly rose until by the end of the year the department was dealing with 1,400 a month.

Just how crucial a wartime role the association has to play was demonstrated very clearly during the Falklands War. Some vessels were, of course, diverted to the South Atlantic without even having returned to the UK from peacetime manoeuvres. As hostilities increased, the association became a key part of the support system for service families.

The forces' own chaplains and social workers did the most painful job – telling dependants of servicemen's deaths. But they were backed up by SSAFA volunteers. Local representatives were briefed by the association's London headquarters on bereavements, and nearly all the widows of the 255 men killed were visited and offered help. The association also played a vital role in keeping up morale at home. Each time there were reports of British losses, the association was flooded with inquiries and was able to use its contacts in the services to find out the exact circumstances of anyone on the task force.

## Navigators of marital turbulence

Service brides are often very young – many of them only 16. Getting married at that age and having their first child when they are 17 or 18 would put a strain on most girls (and their husbands) even under normal circumstances. When the husband is a serving soldier, the problems are greatly increased.

The pressures can be tremendous, according to Mrs Pauline Bibby, the SSAFA's Director of Nursing and Social Work, who repeatedly uses the word "turbulence" when describing these very young marriages. "They marry and they go overseas and the husband will disappear on exercise for three or four weeks, then he'll come back, then he may go to Northern Ireland for four months.

"She (the wife) is left in a strange community in a strange country, without the support of mother or sister. The family is constantly trying to re-adjust to the father leaving then re-joining them", says Mrs Bibby. "It must be very difficult, I think, for families to cope with that."

The regiment or unit provides support, but the young and isolated wife may have difficulty in actually plugging into the support network.

A major part of the SSAFA's role overseas is trying to forestall these marital problems or help resolve them when they flare up. It has 28 foreign-based and eight UK social workers who between them handle an extraordinary case-load.

"Last year our social workers dealt with nearly 9,000 cases throughout the world," says Mrs Bibby. "The vast majority of those cases were matrimonial."

The mobility of the service population is a great cause of problems, but many are solved by short-term crisis intervention.

Alongside the social workers are more than 100 health visitors, all of them State Registered Nurses and most of them qualified also as midwives. The great majority of the health visitors are stationed in British units in Western Europe.

The nursing and social work services are paid for out of Ministry of Defence funds. The SSAFA's community nursing service was established in the 1890s. When the National Health Service was set up in the 1940s, civilian families became statutorily entitled to nursing and social care paid for by the State. To give service families equality, the SSAFA was asked to continue with its service but with the bills being paid out of the public purse.

Mrs Bibby thinks that this historical accident is important from the families' point of view. "It is an advantage to the families to have someone outside the chain of command – someone who is not Army or RAF. This is one of the important parts of SSAFA, that while we have direct access to the chain of command we are not part of it."

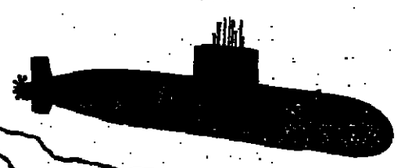
Many people feel it is easier to talk to someone who is not part of the husband's unit. "SSAFA has a history of being sturdily independent and I think most families do feel that they can come to us."

Mrs Bibby believes that one of the most beneficial changes that could take place would be to give the voluntary committees which back the overseas workers at every garrison a more active role. These committees have traditionally been composed of officers' wives and have mostly been involved in fund-raising.

But now an attempt is being made to widen the composition of the committees – Mrs Bibby thinks the senior NCOs' wives have an important contribution to make – and to get them to go far beyond fund-raising into activities like providing transport networks and adult literacy schemes.

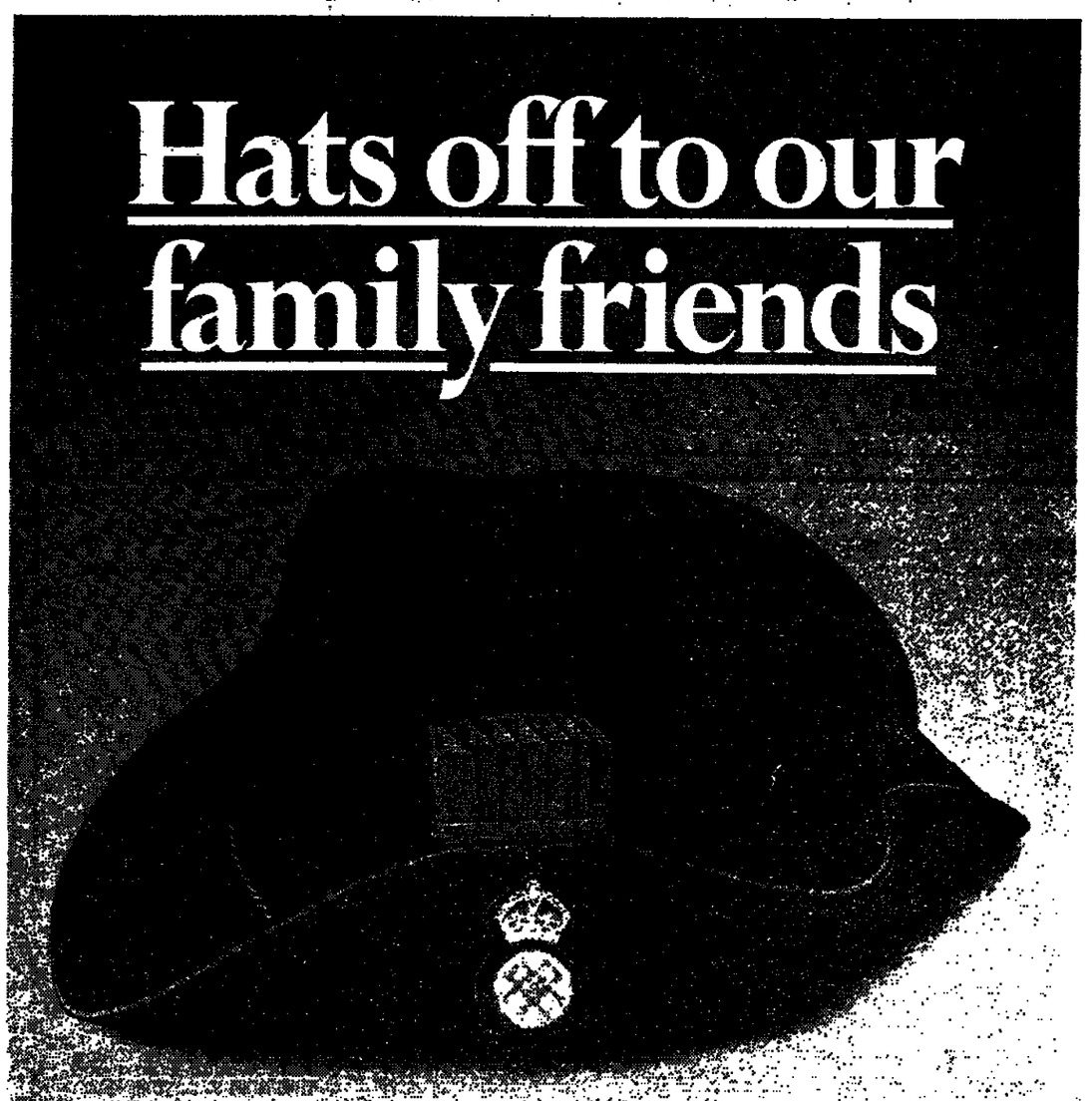
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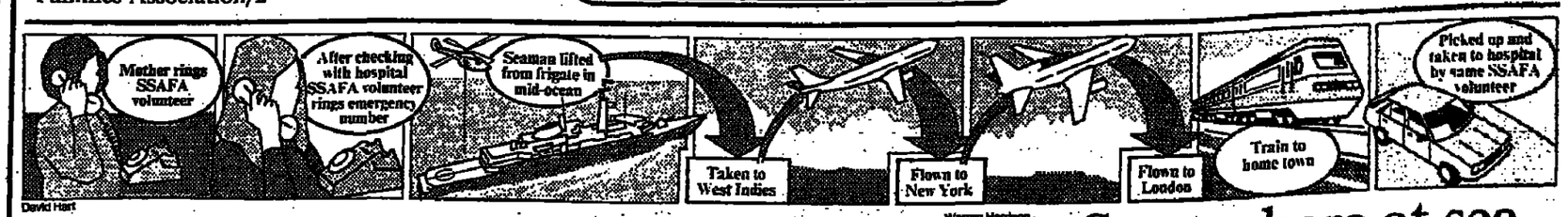
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David Hart

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Bridget Furlonge: The SSAFA welfare officer who keeps in touch with the network of 4,000 UK volunteers

# Somewhere at sea, an emergency call

Every SSAFA volunteer has three telephone numbers which, at any time of the day or night, will give immediate access to the highly sophisticated emergency services run round-the-clock by the three services.

Welfare officer Bridget Furlonge says that one of the most spectacular recent cases involved a brand new SSAFA volunteer. She had hardly settled in when the telephone rang.

"It was a mother who urgently needed to get her son home. The father had been taken seriously ill and was not expected to live. The boy was in the Royal Navy but all anyone in his family knew was that he was 'somewhere at sea'."

The volunteer checked with the hospital, says Mrs Furlonge, then rang the emergency number.

"The result was that a helicopter was used to winch the sailor off a frigate in mid-ocean. It then took him to the West Indies, from where he was flown to New York and on to London, where he caught a train for his home town. The SSAFA lady who had started the ball rolling picked him up and drove him to the hospital. The whole thing took 48 hours from start to finish."

The speed of the serviceman's dramatic return to see his father is shown in the stage-by-stage illustration above.

There isn't time for a glorious image. We hate being called do-gooders, says a volunteer helper

# Care and attention for 50,000 a year

Mike Abrahams

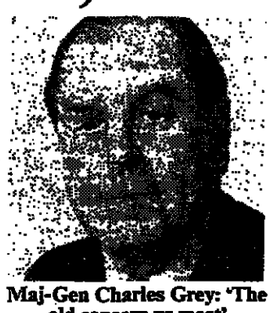


Volunteer Stella Sykes (centre) with two of her 'customers' in Lambeth, south London, Mrs E. V. Mannering (left) and Mrs E. R. James

Anyone who thinks that service charities are all about *noblesse oblige* and the colonel's lady spinning the tombola to raise a few pounds for ex-servicemen's retirement homes would get a nasty shock if they read through the casebooks of the Soldiers', Sailors' and Airmen's Families Association.

Much of the work is low key – helping to pay fuel bills for those whose finances have got out of hand, guiding a pensioner through the maze of social services legislation, or providing friendship to the lonely.

But the SSAFA also has its fair share of horror stories which give the lie to the image that most people probably have of such charities – genteel people trying to help out with rather genteel problems. Two recent cases, both from the same troubled inner-city area, show the kind of crisis which the volunteers can face.



Maj-Gen Charles Grey: 'The old concern us most'

In the first, the SSAFA workers have been trying to bring some sort of stability to a lady who suffers from clinical depression and has recently attempted suicide. She lives in a dingy basement, existing on a diet of cold baked-beans and soup. Her closest living relative is her son, who is charming, intelligent . . . and violent, even towards his mother. She regularly telephones her SSAFA contacts, obviously badly frightened. So far there is no solution to her problem, just an attempt to keep in touch.

The second case from the same team involves a retired Army nurse, paralysed from the waist down, who returned from holiday to find her disabled person's flat taken over by squatters, who had sold everything of value and used the floor as a lavatory. When a friend managed to persuade them to leave they shouted sexual abuse at the wheelchair-bound lady. The stolen goods were worth £3,000, and the SSAFA helped raise the money to replace them.

The volunteer workers on those two cases are very matter-of-fact. They say, in their reports to association headquarters, that, over the past year, they have managed to help dozens of people with what they describe as "temporary problems". But they strike an almost Dickensian note when they describe how undertakers in the area are putting such pressure for payment on widows that the women are using fuel and rent money to pay them off.

The SSAFA deals each year with about 50,000 individual problems brought to it by service or ex-service families and their dependants. It has two primary functions. The first is looking after today's service families through a network of health visitors and social workers stationed with the troops in overseas garrisons.

## Association paid out about £1.5m last year

The second job, which is by far the greater part of the association's work, is the care of ex-service families. The association's network of 4,000 UK volunteers offers friendship, advice and, if necessary, funds to those in need. Apart from its own fund-raising, the SSAFA acts as one of the principal conduits for the main services charities, like the Army and RAF Benevolent Funds. Last year it paid out £1.5 million.

The volunteers, who do the bulk of the work, come from all walks of life. About the only thing they have in common is a very down-to-earth approach to problem solving and a hatred of being thought of as the kind of people who do "good works".

"That makes my hackles rise," says Mrs Jan Ridd, a housewife who helps her friend Mrs Stella Sykes cover Lambeth. "There's always that terrible twin-set and pearls image. They think everybody runs round telling people what to do and being holier than thou. I don't think that exists. What you have to do today is put your head down and try to solve a problem. There isn't time for a glorious image."

The Controller of SSAFA, Major-General Charles Grey, believes that, despite everybody's best efforts, the association is still only reaching about half the people it should be helping.

"The rest we don't get at, either through their ignorance of our existence, or through pride. We all know old ladies who would rather ie than claim the supplementary benefit they are entitled to, let alone be seen accepting charity."

The SSAFA sees its primary task in its centenary year as raising public awareness. It's an urgent task, says Major-General Grey.

"The number of over-75s will go up by more than a third to 900,000 and the number of over-85s will double to half a million by the turn of the century," he says. "That's just the age block of the people who were called up during the war years, and it's their needs which are concerning us now," says Major-General Grey.

But those needs are changing. "We're moving away from the rattle of the cash bag. There is still a financial need, but the need is developing much more into the needs of old age."

# Putting on a show to drum up funds

Mrs Beila Best, the SSAFA's Director of Appeals, has only once come near to disaster. A few years ago she organized a charity fashion show at the Banqueting Hall in Whitehall. The 500 gilt chairs arrived only 20 minutes before the guest of honour, Princess Margaret. When Mrs Best hit one of the velour seat covers with the palm of her hand, she was engulfed in a swirling hurricane of dust. The possibilities did not bear thinking about.

"You think 'Oh, my God! What if she's wearing a white dress?' ", she said.

Mrs Best joined the SSAFA as a junior when she was 15. That was 28 years ago and she has, she says, been learning on the job ever since.

The SSAFA pulls in £500,000 a year from fundraising activities. About £300,000 of that comes from the branches, the other £200,000 being found by Mrs Best and a tiny staff at London headquarters, who organize events like the Son et Lumière production *The Heart of the Nation* on Horse Guards Parade, and the annual air display in Yorkshire which regularly draws a crowd of 50,000.

The air show is typical of the kind of hands-on approach used by Mrs Best and her team. They organize it from scratch.

She says: "We go on to an empty airfield and do everything from getting aerial participation to putting up emergency loos to staffing the whole thing and picking up the toffee papers afterwards. That brings us in something in the region of £30,000 profit."

The Son et Lumière is an even bigger undertaking. It cost £90,000 when first mounted two years ago and brought a clear profit of £60,000. The costs are sucked up by things like lighting and publicity. All the actors – names such as Peter Barkworth, Sir John Gielgud, Penelope Keith and Paul Scofield – gave their services free.

Mrs Best plays down her own role. Rosemary Anne Sisson who wrote TV's *Upstairs Downstairs* had been drafted in to do the script.

"She in turn got the services of an excellent BBC radio director Christopher Venning."

Then Michael Parker who produces the Royal Tournament was persuaded to help. "And when we set out the cast most of the members of the cast were known by one or the other of these three."

Oddly for a charity, the one thing the SSAFA has never really become involved in is things like street collections. This was the result of a very conscious decision, says Mrs Best.

## We don't shake the begging bowl

She adds: "We, for better or worse, decided some years ago that the way for us to raise funds wasn't through the begging bowl. We were not sufficiently popular, so emotive as the cancers, the Save the Childrens, the NSPCC. So for us it wasn't to shake the begging bowl, although of course we rely on donations and subscriptions to a large amount. We had to be a bit of an entrepreneur and put on something that people would pay to come and see and quite frankly be damned as to what the charity was – hence Heart of the Nation, hence the air show, hence the lottery.

"It is something the public want to do and if they can do it and benefit a charity so much the better."

These are the big-bang national events but it is the local fetes and bazaars and fashion shows which, at the end of the day, embody the real spirit of the SSAFA ... and bring in the bulk of the funds.

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# Still game for croquet – at 98

Miss Eileen Smyth hopes to play a little croquet this summer. It was rather too warm last year and the mallet she had been given as a birthday present a few years ago stayed unused, propped in a corner in the spare bedroom.

At 98 you are allowed to be pernickety about having just the right conditions to play in.

Miss Smyth is the oldest resident of Queen Alexandra's Court, Wimbledon, the so-called Royal Homes, administered by the association to provide accommodation for the widows and unmarried daughters of officers. Miss Smyth is the daughter of an honorary vice-admiral. Age has its privileges. This summer at the party to celebrate the association's centenary she will wear Queen Alexandra's cape, a sleeveless ermine garment which it is the right of the oldest resident to keep and wear in her lifetime.

There are 75 ladies at Queen Alexandra's Court now, the youngest of them 40 years Miss Smyth's junior. They pay no rent but contribute an annual amount for maintenance according to their means – the lowest contribution being just over £600, the highest £1,350.





Eileen Smyth at 98 – and Queen Alexandra's Court, the home for ladies

## The first suggestion got a sniffy response

The homes were founded in 1899 by the SSAFA's founder Colonel James Gildea. He had got a sniffy response when he first made the suggestion ("No ladies would be likely to avail themselves of such provision", he was told) so, instead of waiting for the association's council to change its mind he said he would go ahead with the scheme as a private individual. If unsuccessful he would carry the burden; if successful he might ask the council to become involved. He made an appeal through the Press for subscriptions and put down his own £10 note to start the appeal. The scheme was a success and was soon adopted by the council.

All the original flats had two bedrooms.

"The two bedrooms were necessary because no lady wishing to live in the court could come without her servant or companion," says Commander Cliff Ball, Warden of the Royal Homes.

Those days have long since gone.

Had it not been for Lady Dartmouth, (now Lady Spencer), step-mother of Princess Diana, the large Victorian blocks which make up three sides of a rectangle at Queen Alexandra's Court might have gone also. Instead the buildings, the work of the eminent architect Sir Ernest George, have been listed.

Twenty years ago a scheme had been drawn up for the northern part of the court, which contained four large Victorian houses, to be demolished and replaced by 80 purpose-built bed-sitting rooms. The main Ernest George buildings in the southern part of the court would then be sold off for development which inevitably would have meant demolition.

"This is when Lady Dartmouth got wind of it", says Lt Cmdr Ball. "A preservation order was put on all this and they are now List II buildings."

That set the whole plan on its head. The northern half of the court was sold and a large programme of alterations took place in the Ernest George blocks. A good solution?

In the end it was certainly the best solution, says Lt Commander Ball. The modernization of the original blocks had been very skilfully done and it would have been awful to lose them.

The ladies in the Royal Homes look after themselves, a watchful eye being kept on them by Lt Cmdr Ball and a resident nurse. Some of them take advantage of services like Meals on Wheels, but the watchword is independence.

Miss Smyth with her poetry books, her music – she is a former violin teacher – and her croquet is content.

# Thinner ranks to meet the needs

The SSAFA is an old hand at helping other people solve their crises. Now it has an acute crisis right on its own doorstep. The number of voluntary helpers in the association – without which it simply cannot function – has been plummeting. From 12,000 in the mid-1970s it is down to around 4,000, and many of them, recruited in the immediate postwar years, are now quite old.

"They're of an age where we can't expect them to be sparking on all four for much longer", says Colonel John Gibson, SSAFA's Director of Organization, Recruitment and Training, who sees his main job as rebuilding the network of volunteers.

The paradox is that all this is happening at a time when the demand for the association's services is steadily increasing. The millions of men and women survivors of the Second World War are now entering old age and to them have to be added those who did national service. The 50,000 cases that the SSAFA handles each year is likely to go up as those groups grow older.

"So we've got an increasing workload and a decreasing force of volunteers", says Col Gibson.

That basic problem of resources is complicated further by the fact that the areas where there are the greatest problems, the inner cities, are precisely the areas where there is the most acute shortage of vounteers. Until recently, for example, Southwark was almost bereft of voluntary help. Part of the explanation is quite simple: the kind of people who volunteer for the SSAFA tend not to live in the inner city areas. But to that must be added special complications brought about by the nature of inner-city life today; for example, many old people, worried about security, simply refuse to open their doors to anyone after dark, so it is pointless recruiting volunteers from those in employment who could only visit at night or weekends – and that cuts down the pool of potential volunteers.

It all sounds rather depressing, but Col Gibson believes he can reverse the trend. He says: "We have, in fact, stopped the rot. Last year we gained. Not a lot, but our numbers started to go up."

That was the first fruit of a new recruiting strategy which aims to bring in a net 800 new recruits each year, growing perhaps to 1,000 later on.

It sounds a formidable task, but Col Gibson is not daunted. He adds: "We're talking about 800 over the whole of the UK, with 110 branches." It should be quite possible, he says, for each branch to find eight new recruits and a lot of effort will go into identifying and training recruiters in each of those branches.

Parallel with that, the association will be targeting certain problem areas for saturation campaigns. But even that can spark off new problems of a quite unexpected kind.

He explains: "One of the snags is that if you do an awful lot of awareness – making you normally pick up a tremendous number of people needing help and that then swamps the few resources that you've got."



Lining up to help in a crisis: Seven of SSAFA's women volunteers

# Distress of the final bill

**Every year the SSAFA gets about 1,000 pleas for help from those who cannot afford to pay for the funeral of a close relative. Many are dealt with by the branches, but about 200 go through headquarters.**

**"Generally they're asking for at least £350," says SSAFA's Director of Welfare, Group Captain Mike Smart.**

**The burden is increasing. He says: "More and more service charities are not prepared to give money for funerals which means more of the load is dropping on us all the time. They feel their money should go to the living more."**

**SSAFA is a leading member of the Dignity in Death Alliance, a group of nearly 50 charities, church and local authority organisations which has been campaigning since 1978 for a higher death grant. The arithmetic of death is daunting. The present death grant – a statutory entitlement – is £30. To restore its original 1949 value it would have to be raised to around £250. The average cost of a funeral is at least £400.**

**After seven years of campaigning the members of the alliance feel only intense frustration.**

**The association comes across many distressing cases.**

**"These old ladies who lose their husbands get into an absolute panic. Some of them have avoided being in debt all their lives," says Smart.**

**Some face paying off the debt over a long period.**

**"We had one case where the widow had been paying for over five years. We cleared the bill for her."**

**The saddest cases are those whose income puts them just outside the qualifying level for supplementary benefit.**

**"These people don't like having this debt. It worries them silly and it makes them sick. They try and penny-pinch. I have got no case I can prove where somebody's killed themselves but they will cut down on heating and they will cut down on food because they're that conscious they don't want a debt hanging round their neck."**

**Smart seems to feel there is little the charities can now do to bring further pressure on the authorities, except perhaps shock tactics . . . like announcing that the charities themselves will stop bailing people out.**

**As an old flier he knows what a revision of the grants would mean in terms of military hardware. "One school of thought would say cancel two Tornado aeroplanes and you've got your death grant safe for another five years at the right level."**


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CRICKET: HUGHES AND YALLOP ADD IMPETUS TO BREAKAWAY MOVEMENT

# South Africans capture two past Australian Test captains

By Ivo Tennant

Graham Yallop and Kim Hughes, both former captains of Australia, have signed contracts to join the Australian breakaway tour of South Africa this winter, it was confirmed by the South African Cricket Union last night. A third player, Tom Hogan, has also signed, making the party 11-strong.

Yallop and Hughes have signed two-year contracts and will be paid the same sums as the other players, estimated at £240,000 a man.

Yallop said his decision to join the tour, which will take place before Christmas over a period yet to be decided, had nothing to do with the fact that he had not been selected for Australia's tour of England.

Hughes, though, has talked publicly of security for his family: there can be little doubt that his recent demotion from the captaincy of Australia and subsequently being dropped from the side has been the deciding factor in his signing.

The Australian Cricket Board has filed a court action against the South African Cricket Union and its Australian representative, Bruce Francis, in an attempt to stop the tour. The ACB is claiming there is South African interference with the official team.

Geoff Dakin, president of the SACU, said he was confident any court action would go in favour of the SACU. "Otherwise we may have to forego the tour for a season," he said.

Dr Ali Bacher, consultant to the SACU, said from Johannesburg last night that Hughes, who is in South Africa with his wife, told him that he regretted his signing had been rumoured as he wanted to release the news in Australia himself. It is expected that Hughes will captain the side.

Dr Bacher dismissed as "absurd" reports that the present captain of Australia, Allan Border, had been offered half a million Australian dollars to join the breadaway tour.

Yallop said from Australia that he hoped he would continue to play Test cricket. Aged 32, he has played in 39 Tests. Hughes, who is 31, has played 70 Tests.

The other players who are definitely going are Steve Rixon, John Dyson, Steve Smith, Carl Rackemann, John Maguire, Rod McCurdy, Rodney Hogg and Terry Alderman.

Approaches have been made to others and their names are expected to be released within the next few weeks. Reports that Kepler Wessels, the South African-born player currently in the official Australian side, will also be going, appear to be unfounded.



Gooch adds another four to his tally of 81 for Essex against Surrey. Thomas was the unfortunate bowler on this occasion. (Photograph: Ian Stewart).

# Sussex fail within sight of their goal

By John Woodcock
Cricket Correspondent

*HOVE: Middlesex beat Sussex by 31 runs*

Sussex made a brave but unavailing attempt to score the 281 that Middlesex left them in the Benson and Hedges Cup yesterday. A late burst by Greig, Colin Wells and le Roux, following a good partnership between Alan Wells and Parker, took them nearer to the target than most sides would have got.

With 15 overs left, Sussex still needed 125. Daniel had six overs due to him and Williams five. Edmonds had bowled a meanly skilful quota, and Angus Fraser, huge and only 19, and playing in place of Cowans, had done his stuff by keeping a very presentable length.

In the end, only Two exceptional catches and a brilliant run-out put an end to Sussex's chances. First Radley, running back alongside the wicketkeeper, held a horrible skyer from Greig; then more improbably, Fraser, swaying about on the long-on boundary, caught as good a catch of its kind as he ever will, off a really steepling hit. Finally, Butcher, with an athletic pick-up and throw at long leg, beat a galloping le Roux. It was good fun, in weather that was fit at last for cricket.

Sussex must have known that unless they could get rid of Gatting fairly early in the day – he was 44 not out overnight – they would probably lose. In the event, they gave him no encouragement.

## Cowans worry

**Norman Cowans, England's fast bowler, could be out of the game for six weeks if a suspected hernia sustained while playing for Middlesex is confirmed.**

Butcher was splendidly caught in the day's third over, by Parker at deep square leg. But Gatting was 99 before he made any sort of mistake, other than allowing himself to be hit in the box by le Roux, and even then his mishit hook somehow found open ground. He added 99 yesterday in 29 overs, his hundred being his first in this competition as well as the biggest by a Middlesex player.

To start with, Radley could make nothing of Colin Wells, who bowled one good and unlucky spell. But Imran was more to his liking and soon he was contributing busily to a first wicket partnership of 108. Then Emburey helped Gatting add 68 for the last seven overs. I was sorry Barclay did not bowl himself. As it was, there was little variation in the Sussex attack. They all bowled at much the same pace (Imran might have been a yard slower than the others), to much the same effect and at much the same cost.

Just as Middlesex had, Sussex passed 100 in the 26th over with two wickets down. Parker and Alan Wells then left in successive overs. Parker flicking Edmonds to short mid-wicket and Wells being bowled by Fraser. At 153 Imran was caught at long on; but Sussex can bat with spirit a long way down, and they did so well enough to give Daniel and Willis some stick and Middlesex some anxious moments before they won. The fastest bowling in the match had come from Williams at the start of the Sussex innings. The selectors could do worse than have a look at him for MCC against the Australians at Lord's next week. He can field, too.

MIDDLESEX

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|---|---|
| G D Barlow l-b-w b Greig | 19 |
| W N Slack l-b-w b le Roux | 1 |
| *M W Gatting not out | 143 |
| R O Butcher c Parker b le Roux | 28 |
| C T Radley c Imran C M Wells | 40 |
| †P R Downton run out | 1 |
| J E Emburey not out | 18 |
| Extras (lb 20, w4, n-b5) | 29 |
| Total (5 wkts, 55 overs) | 280 |

P H Edmonds, N F Williams, A R C Fraser and W W Daniel did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1–8, 2–46, 3–106, 4–216, 5–219

BOWLING: le Roux 11-1-49-2, Reeve 11-0-56-0, Greig 11-0-58-1, Imran 11-3-48-0, C M Wells 11-0-48-1.

SUSSEX

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|---|---|
| G D Mendis b Emburey | 15 |
| A M Green b Daniel | 9 |
| P W G Parker c Radley b Edmonds | 48 |
| A P Wells b Fraser | 36 |
| Imran Khan c Slack b Edmonds | 10 |
| C M Wells c Fraser b Daniel | 55 |
| †A Greig c Radley b Daniel | 37 |
| G S le Roux run out | 21 |
| 11 J Gould not out | 3 |
| *J R T Barclay b Williams | 0 |
| D A Reeve b Daniel | 3 |
| Extras (b w, lb 6 w 1, n-b 7) | 16 |
| Total (53.4 overs) | 249 |

FALL OF WICKETS: 1–13, 2–43, 3–119, 4–119, 5–153, 6–204, 7–227, 8–243, 9–244, 10–249

BOWLING: Daniel 10.4-1-58-4, Williams 11-0-47-1, Fraser 11-1-49-1, Emburey 10-3-40-1, Edmonds 11-0-49-2.

Umpires: K H Lyons and K E Palmer.

## Roope plays

Mudassar Nazar, the former Pakistan Test player, and the former England batsman Graham Roope are called up by the Minor Counties representative side for today's Benson and Hedges Cup match against Kent at Canterbury. Kent hope their England all-rounder Richard Ellison will be fit. He had to drop out of the match against Somerset at Taunton on Tuesday because of ankle and shoulder trouble.

GOLF

# Russell confident of Ryder Cup call

From Mitchell Platts, Le Touquet

David J Russell moves into the GSI Open, starting here today, convinced that he is on the way towards winning a place in the European Ryder Cup team to play the United States.

Yet it is little more than 10 years ago that Russell refused to play the established international golfer, Peter Townsend, for £5 even though he was offered the astonishing advantage of a 14-stroke start.

What has transformed Russell from journeyman professional to a competitor who may be partnering the likes of Seve Ballesteros and Bernard Langer at the Belfry in September is his success last weekend in the Car Care Plan International.

Even so, it was his insatiable thirst for recognition that kept him on the fairways of Europe while many of his contemporaries fell by the wayside. "I think a lot of people quit this game too early," Russell says. "It has taken me 12 years as a professional to become a winner but I am still only 31. Now I have everything to play for."

More important, Russell is not resting on his recently acquired fame. The £73,000 prize fund, from which there is an immediate tax reduction of 30 per cent, is not a large enough carrot nowadays to attract the leading players, but the £12,000 first prize could still prove important as far as the Ryder Cup is concerned.

That is why it is something of a surprise that players like Paul Way, who missed the half-way cut at Moortown last week, Eamonn Darcy and Des Smyth have chosen to take a rest, even though the three following events are in total worth more than half a million pounds. Carl Mason, who was runner-up to Russell on Sunday, says "My view is that if I could have another good result here then I would improve my position in the order of merit and take some of the pressure off myself."

In truth those golfers present, including Howard Clark, Ian Woosnam and Gordon Brand, jun. are fortunate to have an event in which to play this week. Originally the championship was to be sponsored by Timex but their untimely withdrawal, two years ago, was filled only because of the support of the French Golf Federation and the French PGA, who have injected money along with the computer company GSI.

The sea course, which stretches almost 6,700 yards, was last employed for a European tour event in 1977, when Ballesteros won the French Open here.

## Ballesteros deal is totted up

Severiano Ballesteros has confirmed he will play in the Whyte and Mackay PGA championship at Wentworth next week. But the sponsor's, who have said they will not pay appearance money, have been unable to lure Bernhard Langer and Nick Faldo to the Burma Road.

Langer and Faldo are understood to have each asked for $20,000 (about £17,000) to compete. Ballesteros's presence has been secured by a deal in which he will host a company day at Sunningdale.

## Wright can do no wrong

Pamela Wright, the 20-year-old former Curtis Cup player, produced a one-over-par 74 to move within a stroke of the lead in the second qualifying round of the Scottish women's championship at Barassie yesterday. She dropped three shots on the opening eight holes but birdied the short ninth and finished the round with three more birdies in the last four holes.

SECOND ROUND: 154: A Gemmell 76, 80; 155: P Wright 81, 74; 158: A Shannon 78, 80; 159: J Lawrence 78, 81; 164: S Lawson 82, 82; 165: V McAlester 85, 80.

IN BRIEF

# Fignon forced out of Tour de France

Paris (Reuter) – Lauret Fignon, the French cyclist who has won the Tour de France for the last two years, will miss this year's race. He is to undergo an operation soon for tendonitis on his troublesome left ankle. "After resuming training gradually, Fignon is once again suffering from a tendonitis affecting the Achilles tendon in his left ankle", his team management said yesterday.

Fignon, aged 24, won the event at his first attempt two years ago and largely dominated the pack last year. He would have started a strong favourite for this year's Tour which begins on June 28. Fignon has said he would put the emphasis this season on the spring's classics, such as the Paris-Roubaix, but injury forced him to withdraw from most of the races in the past few weeks.

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**BOXING:** David Pearce, the British heavyweight champion, had his licence withdrawn by the British Boxing Board of Control last night. Pearce has not boxed for 14 months after irregularities had been shown up by a brain scan. Pearce said he would appeal and the case might go to the High Court.

● Joe Frazier, the 41-year-old former world heavyweight champion, will meet Robert Cleroux of Canada, aged 47, in a six-round bout in Montreal on June 23 to raise money for Sickle Cell anaemia.

● Rocky Kelly, of Acton, who came close to winning the vacant British welterweight title recently, takes the first step towards another chance at the Longford Crest Hotel, Heathrow, on May 25, when he meets Ricky Randell, of New Orleans.

**YACHTING:** Philippe Poupon, of France failed yesterday in his attempt to break the transatlantic crossing record in his catamaran Fleury Michon 7 due to lack of wind.

**RUGBY LEAGUE:** The New Zealand Rugby League yesterday rejected the proposed itinerary for their tour of Britian later this year. The last scheduled game, against Hull on November 17, was not to the liking of the League board of directors, who wanted it immediately before the last Test on November 9. By playing Hull on November 5, New Zealand would ensure Kemble, Leuluai, O'Hara and Ah Kuoi would be available for the Test but not for Hull.

TENNIS

# Graf's precocious skills too much for Durie

West Berlin (Reuter) – Jo Durie (right) yesterday lost to the West German prodigy Steffi Graf, aged 15, who advanced to the last 16 of the West German women's open. Miss Graf, the fourth seed and ranked 14 in the world, struggled to a 3-6, 6-2, 6-3 second-round victory.

Miss Durie said the match was her best for some time. "I'm frustrated more than disappointed", she said. "Even in the third set I felt I could win."

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● **ROME:** The top seed, Mats Wilander, of Sweden, had an easy passage to the third round of the Italian championships yesterday when his opponent, Pavil Slozil, of Czechoslovakia, retired during the first set (Reuter reports). Slozil, who was trailing 4-1, was suffering from influenza.



Holladay 4-6, 7-6, 7-6 in a gruelling encounter in the Victoria women's indoor championships to reach the quarter-finals yesterday

FIRST ROUND: C Panatta (It) bt J Arrese (Sp) 6-1, 6-4; H Sundstrom (Swe) bt C Pascoal (It) 7-6, 6-1; Slozil (Cz) 4-1 (Slozil retd); G Vilas (Arg) bt M Cierro (It) 6-0, 3-6, 6-3; E Sanchez (Sp) bt M Westphal (WG) 6-4, 6-0; J Arias (US) bt S Zivojinovic (Yugo) 6-4, 5-3; A Jarryd (Swe) bt Mike Leach (US) 6-3, 1-6, 6-1; H Sundstrom (Swe) bt S Simonsson (Swe) 2-6, 6-3, 6-3; K Gustafsson (Swe) bt A Gonzalez (Arg) 6-4, 7-5; K Carlsson (Swe) bt L Pimek (Cz) 6-3, 6-2; C Mezzadri (It) bt P McNamee (Aus) 6-4, 1-6, 7-6; M Mecir (Cz) bt B Willenborg (US) 6-3, 6-7, 6-1.

**MELBOURNE:** Pam Shriver outlasted her fellow American Terry Holladay 4-6, 7-6, 7-6 in a gruelling encounter in the Victoria women's indoor championships to reach the quarter-finals yesterday.

SECOND ROUND: (US unless stated): R Fairbank (SA) bt C Carney (Aus) 6-1, 6-1; S Walsh bt B Garkan 4-6, 7-6, 7-6; K Jordan bt R White 6-1, 1-6, 6-3; P Shriver bt T Holladay 4-6, 7-6, 7-6.

Coca-Cola are continuing their support of Britain's Davis Cup team and have included a £2,500 win bonus this season. The players will share the money every time they win a tie. Britain face Portugal in a second-round match at Nottingham on June 14-16. They must win the European Zone to get back into the World Group next year.

ATHLETICS

# Golden boy will make three trips to Britain

By Pat Butcher

Carl Lewis, the quadruple Olympic gold medal winner is due to compete three times in Britain this summer, which is more than he has done here in his career.

He will make the first of four appearances in Europe at the Kodak AAA championships at Crystal Palace on July 13/14 before going to Nice for his first European venture in the Mobil grand prix series, which begins in the United States next week. Lewis returns to Crystal Palace on July 19 for the Peugeot Talbot Games, another grand prix event. He then finishes what at the moment is his only visit to Europe this year at the Edinburgh Games on July 23.

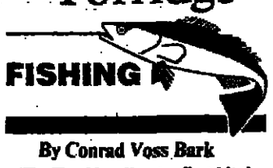
Lewis, who could get very close in the next two weeks to three of the four world records (100 metres, and 200m long jump) that his celebrated predecessor, Jesse Owens, set in one afternoon 50 years ago this month, has not been very prominent on his two previous visits to Britain. Lewis lost his only race last year when he came to Crystal Palace immediately after the Olympic Games and got beaten by Kirk Baptiste, his training partner, who set a world record for the seldom-run 300 metres. Lewis's only other race at Crystal Palace was in a United States' 4x100 metres relay team in 1980.

The securing of Lewis is a coup for Andy Norman and his British Athletics Promotions Unit, who were able to announce the participation of the American star at the launch of a hospitality deal yesterday with the Keith Prowse organization, which puts athletics reputed to be the third most popular sport on television, in the same exclusive money league as golf, tennis and motor racing.

## Golden milers

Oslo (Reuter) – Said Aouita, the Olympic 5,000 metres champion has agreed to take part in the "Golden Mile" at Oslo's Bislett Games on July 27. Others in the line-up include Joaquim Cruz, Steve Scott, John Wiker and Thomas Wessinghage. The organizers said Sebastian Coe and Steve Ovett had agreed to compete in either the Golden Mile or at the Oslo Games on June 27.

# Slow death plagues Torridge



FISHING

By Conrad Voss Bark

The Torridge disaster first hit the headlines in March with an interview by Elaine Tooney on the BBC's *Spotlight* Programme. The warning was given that the Torridge – one of the most famous salmon rivers in England – was slowly dying from the effect of an enormous increase in pollution from farms and from the growing discharge of untreated sewage in the estuary.

Pollution has more than doubled in the last 10 years. Last year part of the Torridge at the head of the tide was designated class two, technically stressful to salmonids. This year there are unconfirmed reports that parts of the Torridge are down to class three, which means that the water from the area is fit only for industrial use. The river indeed is slowly dying. Last year anglers caught 24 salmon, a steady decline in catches from the peak of something like 700 in the 1950s. Not only fish are affected. Insect and bird life are also harmed.

The Torridge is by far the worst but by no means the only river in the South West Water area with problems. The regional authority covers part of Somerset, Devon and Cornwall where, in 1974-75, some 90 per cent of the rivers were rated class one – water of high quality. Last year that figure had dropped to 76 per cent.

The water authority is embarrassed by this because it has legal duties to improve salom and trout fishing in its rivers and abide by EEC directives about the quality of drinking water. They have known about the problem for the past three years at least, probably much longer. The chairman of the authority, Mr Ken Hill, has declared that they are trying "to respond positively to the whole question."

It is a relief to have some good news in salmon conservation, but for that – alas – we have to go far-away Alaska. The Americans took drastic action to protect the salmon fisheries there after the fish had been netted almost to extinction. As a result, a run of fewer than one million salmon in the 1950s has been transformed into a run of 28 million last year. Reporting the details to the water committee of the Country Landowners Association, the Hon J A Fellows said: "Perhaps one day we will see the Atlantic salmon stage a similar revival, though I doubt if the Europeans have got the collective guts to take the tough decisions needed."

## Bossis signs

Paris (Reuter) – The French international defender Maxime Bossis has left Nantes to sign a four-year contract with Racing Club de Paris.

Bossis, aged 30, had talks in London last weekend with Tottenham but failed to reach agreement

# 'Rebels' to be admitted

**Port of Spain (Reuter) – Trinidad and Tobago said yesterday it would allow entry to England cricketers who have completed a term of suspension for playing in South Africa. The Foreign Minister, Errol Mahabir, announced the decision to reporters on returning from a meeting of Caribbean foreign ministers in St Kitts.**

**He said the ministers had reaffirmed the determination of member countries to observe the Gleneagles Commonwealth agreement on combating apartheid in sport.**

**The West Indies Cricket Board had advised governments that some players to be selected for England's tour of West Indies next year may have completed a three-year suspension from international sport for playing in South Africa.**

**"If any player goes to South Africa in the future, we feel he should be suspended for life," Mr Mahabir said. "In terms of cricketers from other nations we felt that they had the right to apply any sentence they wished, although we would like to see much stronger penalties."**

**Guyana has said it will not admit England cricketers who have played in South Africa.**

# Carrick fails by two feet off the last ball

By Peter Ball

*OLD TRAFFORD: Lancashire beat Yorkshire by two runs.*

Accurate bowling and impeccable fielding have served Lancashire well in one-day competitions and they did so again yesterday. In a match reduced to 32 overs a side, Yorkshire could never break free of the shackles and Carrick's bid fell two feet short as he went for a six to win the game off the last ball.

The fact that play was possible at all reflected great credit on the ground staff. Over an inch of rain had fallen in 24 hours and it continued sporadically until lunchtime, play then beginning with remarkable speed at 2.40.

Initially, neither side could take any great pleasure from the exercise as Lancashire's batsmen continued their unavailing search for form. After the departure of Varey, however, Bairstow's decision to field had little early reward, some slovenly out-cricket giving the batsmen several lives.

Fowler was the first to benefit, and looked as if he might battle his way through to some semblance of his winter's form until Carrick beat him in the air and he was stumped comprehensively.

By then O'Shaughnessy, the only Lancashire batsman to have passed 50 this season, had received the first of his three let-offs at 12. Others followed shortly at 21 and 25 and although Lloyd, on his first appearance for the county since 1983, left quickly, Lancashire's position looked healthy at 95 for three after 20 overs.

It was soon in ruins as O'Shaughnessy's luck ran out, Bairstow showing no inclination to follow his colleague's example. Fairbrother and Abrahams resisted for a while against some tight seam bowling at the expense of a slowing run rate, and when Stevenson knocked back Fairbrother's leg stump the innings subsided.

The efforts of Stevenson and Jarvis brought them seven wickets between them but they at first recieved little tangible thanks from their batsmen as Lancashire's reliable combination of athletic fielding and steady bowling put them behind the clock.

Byas left as once. Moxon and Sharp became bogged down until Moxon's plod ended in the fifteenth over as he followed O'Shaughnessy to give Maynard a straightforward catch.

By then Yorkshire were well behind the run rate and, although Simmins and O'Shaughnessy hardily posed a danger to limb, they readily accepted the invitation to leave the field for bad light with the prospect of acquiring one point from a game with no result. The ploy failed as the light lifted and O'Shaughnessy ended an invaluable spell by removing Stevenson and Love to leave Yorkshire in some distress at 78 for four after 20 overs.

Watkinson, however, failed to maintain his predecessors' accuracy and as Sharp began to play with some freedom Yorkshire's hopes revived.

LANCASHIRE

| | |
|---|---|
| G Fowler st Bairstow b Carrick | 29 |
| D W Varey c Bairstow b Sidebottom | 5 |
| S O'Shaughnessy c Bairstow b Fletcher | 48 |
| C H Lloyd c Moxon b Stevenson | 8 |
| N H Fairbrother b Stevenson | 16 |
| *J Abrahams c Bairstow b Jarvis | 18 |
| M Watkinson b Stevenson | 0 |
| 10 Maynard c Fletcher b Jarvis | 1 |
| J Simmons not out | 3 |
| P J W Allott c Moxon b Stevenson | 4 |
| D J Makinson b Jarvis | 5 |
| Extras (lb 7, w 2) | 9 |
| Total (31.5 overs) | 148 |

FALL OF WICKETS: 1–15, 2–52, 3–84, 4–101, 5–125, 6–131, 7–133, 8–138, 9–174, 10–146.

BOWLING: Sidebottom 7-0-21-1, Jarvis 6.5-0-34-3, Carrick 8-0-35-1, Fletcher 8-0-23-1, Stevenson 8-0-23-4.

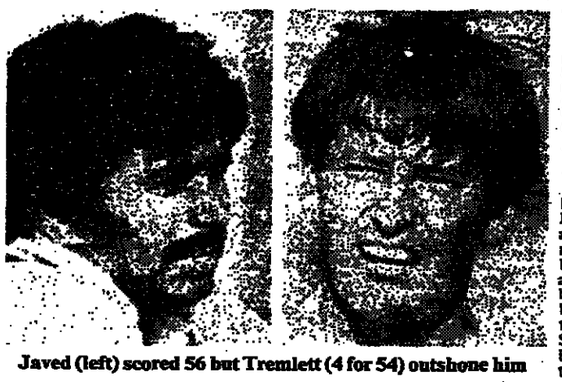
YORKSHIRE

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|---|---|
| D Byas l-b-w b Makinson | 2 |
| M D Moxon c Maynard b O'Shaughnessy | 24 |
| K Sharp run out | 45 |
| G B Stevenson b O'Shaughnessy | 3 |
| J D Love b O'Shaughnessy | 12 |
| P E Robinson run out | 13 |
| *D L Bairstow c Fairbrother b Watkinson | 10 |
| A Sidebottom b Watkinson | 7 |
| †P Carrick not out | 19 |
| P W Jarvis c Varey b Allott | 3 |
| S D Fletcher not out | 0 |
| Extras (lb 7, n-b 2) | 9 |
| Total (9 wkts, 32 overs) | 144 |

FALL OF WICKETS: 1–7, 2–48, 3–56, 4–78, 5–106, 6–108, 7–120, 8–132, 9–140.

BOWLING: Makinson 8-0-23-1, Allott 7-0-23-1, O'Shaughnessy 7-0-20-3, Simmons 8-0-27-0, Watkinson 5-0-44-2.

Umpires: B Leadbeater and D O Oslear.



Javed (left) scored 56 but Tremlett (4 for 54) outshone him

# Gooch and Foster end cup jinx

Graham Gooch and Neil Foster, likely England colleagues against Australia this summer, yesterday inspired an Essex victory over Surrey that ended their Benson and Hedges Cup jinx at the Oval.

Gooch, who seems a certainty to be restored as one of England's opening batsmen after his three-year ban, scored 81 as Essex strolled home by nine wickets after suffering defeat on five previous cup games at the ground. Gooch struck 13 fours off 89 balls before falling leg-before to Pococock, 14 short of Essex's 140 target.

His opening partner, Prichard, retired with a broken finger on his right hand after taking a blow from Thomas at 28, but Hardie helped Gooch add 98 and was 43 not out when victory came with 20 overs to spare. Prichard will be out of action for three weeks.

Foster, the gold award winner, recorded five r 32, his competition best, as Surrey were bowled out for 139 in 46.5 overs. After dismissing the openers, Clinton adn Butcher, without cost from his first 10 balls, he returned after lunch to polish off the innings with a spell of three for nine.

**Hampshire** won their resumed match against **Glamorgan** at Southampton by 116 runs, to maintain their 100 per cent record in this season's competition.

When Glamorgan resumed on 59 for two, there was some early defiance from Javed Miandad. He scored 57, including three sixes, two of them coming off an over from Tremlett, before being fifth out at 140.

Greenidge was named man of the match as his 99, scored on Tuesday, set up Hampshire's success.

Yesterday **Scotland** had a fair chance of beating a county for the first time. They re-started at Bristol needing 147 to defeat **Gloucestershire**, with seven wickets in hand.

That Scotland failed was due in part to an Irishman, or at least to a Zimbabwean who holds an Irish passport. Stranger stories have emerged. The point is that Curran escapes being classified as an overseas player, which thus enables the non-indigenous element to expand at Bristol. Curran is a talented all-rounder and his part in Scotland's defeat, 53 not out and two for 26 in his 11 overs, earned him the gold award. With a result in sight, the umpires extended the morning session by 15 minutes. Scotland lost by 53 runs.

**Derbyshire**, already beaten by **Northamptonshire** in the county championship and John Player League this season, were in a position for revenge at Derby yesterday until rain had the final say.

Northants were 88 for six after 22 overs in a game reduced to 25 overs each when rain, which prevented any play until mid-afternoo, following Tuesday's wash-out, fell in torrents again. With no time to stage a new, 10-overs-a-side contest, the match was abandoned, with each county claiming a point.

Balderstone survived an early scare as he went on to be the backbone of the Leicestershire innings in their delayed tie against Worcestershire at Grace Road. He gave a sharp chance to Kapil Dev but went on to score 77.

## Overseas man

The Indian Test player Dilip Vengsarkar is to sign for the Minor Counties side, Staffordshire, as their new overseas professional. The 39-year-old batsman will join the county, subject to approval from the TCCB and the Indian Board of Control, as the replacement for last season's Australian professional, Brendan McArdle.

## YESTERDAY'S OTHER SCOREBOARDS

### Hants v Glamorgan

AT SOUTHAMPTON

*Hampshire (2pts) beat Glamorgan by 116 runs.*

HAMPSHIRE: 294 for 9 (55 overs. C G Greenidge 99, M C J Nicholas 74; J G Thomas four for 38).

GLAMORGAN

| | |
|---|---|
| A Hopkins l-b-w b Connor | 5 |
| G C Holmes c Turner b Marshall | 36 |
| S P Henderson c Nicholas b James | 16 |
| Javed Miandad st Parks b Cowley | 57 |
| Younis Ahmed c and b Marshall | 1 |
| *R C Ontong c Parks b Tremlett | 19 |
| J G Thomas c Connor b Tremlett | 9 |
| J Derrick c R A Smith b Cowley | 6 |
| J S Steele c Parks b Tremlett | 8 |
| †T Davies not out | 5 |
| S R Barwick c and b Tremlett | 3 |
| Extras (b 1, l-b 4, w 3, n-b 4) | 12 |
| Total (46.1 overs) | 178 |

FALL OF WICKETS: 1–19, 2–52, 3–108, 4–112, 5–140, 6–147, 7–154, 8–168, 9–174, 10–178.

BOWLING: Marshall 8-2-18-2; James 11-0-41-1; Connor 9-0-34-1; Cowley 9-1-28-2; Tremlett 9.1-0-54-4.

Umpires: J H Harris and M J Kitchen.

### Gloucs v Scotland

AT BRISTOL

*Gloucestershire (2pts) bt Scotland by 53 runs*

GLOUCESTERSHIRE: 184 for eight (55 overs; P Bainbridge 53, K M Curran 53 not out).

SCOTLAND

| | |
|---|---|
| W A Donald c Russell b Lawrence | 7 |
| D J Simpson run out | 2 |
| *R G Swan c Russell b Curran | 14 |
| C Henry c Athey b Walsh | 11 |
| †A Brown c Stovold b Curran | 12 |
| A B Russell run out | 29 |
| T M Black c Bainbridge b Graveney | 22 |
| P G Duthie c Russell b Shepard | 0 |
| J E Ker c Stovold b Graveney | 18 |
| D Neal c Athey b Walsh | 2 |
| W A Mc Pate not out | 4 |
| Extras (l-b 6, w 6, n-b 10) | 22 |
| Total (53.2 overs) | 131 |

FALL OF WICKETS: 1–18, 2–23, 3–31, 4–46, 5–65, 6–89, 7–91, 8–122, 9–126, 10–131.

BOWLING: Lawrence 6-0-13-1, Walsh 10.3-3-19-2, Shepard 11-3-15-1, Curran 11-1-26-2, Bainbridge 8-0-33-0, Graveney 7-1-19-2.

Umpires: A G Whitehead and P B Wight.

### Leics v Worcs

LEICESTERSHIRE

| | |
|---|---|
| I P Butcher, c Kapil Dev, b Weston | 26 |
| J C Balderstone, run out | 77 |
| *D I Gower, c Radford, b Patel | 37 |
| P Willey, c Smith, b Kapil Dev | 15 |
| J J Whitaker, c and b Inchmore | 15 |
| G P Parsons, not out | 18 |
| N E Briers, run out | 5 |
| P B Clift, b Illingworth | 4 |
| †M A Garnham, not out | 0 |
| Extras (b 2, l-b 9, w 7) | 18 |
| Total (7 wkts, 37 overs) | 212 |

FALL OF WICKETS: 1–52, 2–126, 3–148, 4–170, 5–199, 6–205, 7–212.

BOWLING: Kapil Dev 8-1-25-1, Radford 7-0-38-0, Inchmore 6-0-39-1, Weston 3-0-22-1, Patel 8-0-34-1, Illingworth 7-0-45-1.

WORCESTERSHIRE

| | |
|---|---|
| M J Weston c Garnham b Parsons | 48 |
| T S Curtis b Willey | 21 |
| D M Smith l-b-w b Ferris | 24 |
| Kapil Dev c Briers b Parsons | 9 |
| D N Patel run out | 3 |
| *P A Neale not out | 43 |
| D B d'Oliveira c Briers b Clift | 13 |
| J D Inchmore b Clift | 1 |
| †S J Rhodes not out | 27 |
| Extras (b 4, l-b 11, w 2) | 17 |
| Total (7 wkts, 37 overs) | 195 |

N V Radford and R K Illingworth did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1–48, 2–98, 3–98, 4–84, 5–111, 6–150, 7–151.

BOWLING: Agnew 7–0–27–0, Clift 8–0–39–2, Parsons 7–1–53–2, Willey 8–0–29–1, Ferris 7–0–41–1.

Umpires: R Palmer and J H Hampshire.

Second XI Championship

HULL: Yorkshire v Glamorgan, no play, rain.
DUDLEY: Worcestershire v Derbyshire, no play, rain.

### Surrey v Essex

AT THE OVAL

*Essex (2pts) beat Surrey by 9 wkts*

SURREY

| | |
|---|---|
| A R Butcher c East b Foster | 13 |
| G S Clinton l-b-w b Foster | 4 |
| A J Stewart c Gooch b Turner | 16 |
| T E Jesty not out | 69 |
| M A Lynch c Gooch b Turner | 7 |
| D B Pauline c Prichard b Gooch | 8 |
| †C J Richards c East b Pringle | 3 |
| D J Thomas l-b-w b Foster | 4 |
| G Monkhouse c McEwan b Foster | 5 |
| *P I Pocock c East b Foster | 0 |
| N S Taylor b Lever | 0 |
| Extras (l-b 4, w 6) | 10 |
| Total (48.5 overs) | 139 |

FALL OF WICKETS: 1–7, 2–19, 3–55, 4–75, 5–116, 6–124, 7–128, 8–138, 9–138, 10–139.

BOWLING: Mortensen 5–0–19–1, Finney 5–0–25–1, Miller 5–1–18–2, Warner 4–0–9–1, Holding 3–0–9–1 · DERBYSHIRE: *K J Barnett, A Hill, J E Morris, B Roberts, W P Fowler, G Miller, R J Finney, †E J M Maher, A E Warner, M A Holding and D H Mortensen.

Umpires: J W Holder and N T Plews.

### Derby v Northants

at Derby

*Match abandoned Derbyshire 1pt, Northamptonshire 1pt*

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE

| | |
|---|---|
| W Larkins b Miller | 10 |
| R T Bailey c Maher b Mortensen | 25 |
| A J Lamb l-b-w b Finney | 2 |
| R G Williams c Warner | 24 |
| D J Capel c Barnett b Miller | 7 |
| *G Cook l-b-w b Holding | 5 |
| D J Wild not out | 2 |
| †G Sharp not out | 1 |
| Extras (b 2, l-b 9, n-b 1) | 12 |
| Total (6 wkts, 22 overs) | 88 |

R Joseph, N A Mallender and A Walker.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1–31, 2–37, 3–50, 4–67, 5–78, 6–86.

BOWLING: Mortensen 5–0–19–1, Finney 5–0–25–1, Miller 5–1–18–2, Warner 4–0–9–1, Holding 3–0–9–1 · DERBYSHIRE: *K J Barnett, A Hill, J E Morris, B Roberts, W P Fowler, G Miller, R J Finney, †E J M Maher, A E Warner, M A Holding and D H Mortensen.

Umpires: J W Holder and N T Plews.

### Benson & Hedges Cup tables

| Group A | P | W | L | NR | Pts |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Gloucestershire | 3 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 4 |
| Derbyshire | 2 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 3 |
| Northamptonshire | 2 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 3 |
| Nottinghamshire | 2 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 2 |
| Scotland | 3 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 0 |

| Group B | P | W | L | NR | Pts |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Leicestershire | 3 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 4 |
| Yorkshire | 2 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 2 |
| Warwickshire | 2 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 2 |
| Worcestershire | 2 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 2 |
| Lancashire | 3 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 2 |

| Group C | P | W | L | NR | Pts |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Essex | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 4 |
| Middlesex | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 4 |
| Sussex | 3 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 2 |
| Surrey | 3 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 2 |
| Comb. Universities | 2 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 |

| Group D | P | W | L | NR | Pts |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Hampshire | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 4 |
| Kent | 3 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 4 |
| Glamorgan | 3 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 2 |
| Somerset | 2 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 2 |
| Minor Counties | 2 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 |

## TODAY'S FIXTURES

**FOOTBALL**

(7.30 unless stated)
CENTRAL LEAGUE: First division: Coventry v Blackburn (7.0); Derby v Liverpool (6.30). Second division: York City v Middlesbrough (7.0).
FOOTBALL COMBINATION: Reading v Ipswich; Swindon v Millwall (2.30).
UNITED COUNTIES: Arlesey v Eynesbury; Stewarts and Lloyds Corby v Ampthill; Rothwell v Holbeach.
LONDON SPARTAN LEAGUE: BROS Barnet v Bedfont United.
COMBINED COUNTIES LEAGUE: Horley Witney v Godalming; Malden Vale v Westfield; Merstham v Malden.
EASTERN COUNTIES LEAGUE: Soham v Brantree.

**CRICKET**

Test match (one day, 11.0-6.30)
THE OVAL: Surrey v Australians
Benson and Hedges Cup (11.0-7.30)
SOUTHAMPTON: Hants v Somerset
CANTERBURY: Kent v Minor Counties
LORD'S: Middlesex v Essex
NORTHAMPTON: Northants v Scotland
TRENT BRIDGE: Notts v Derbys
WORCESTER: Worcs v Lancs
HEADINGLEY: Yorks v Warwicks
OXFORD: Combined Univs v Sussex
Second Championship
TEDDINGTON: Middlesex v Kent
KNOWLE AND DORRIDGE: Warwicks v Lancs
DUDLEY: Worcs v Derbys
HULL: Yorks v Glamorgan
NOTTINGHAM: Notts v Leics

**OTHER SPORT**

SCHOOLS: Langdale Trophy: Hurstpierpoint v Brighton College. Other matches: Canford v XL Club; Colston's v Queen Elizabeth Hospital, Bristol; Epsom v MCC; St Lawrence, Ramsgate v St Edmund's, Canterbury.
ATHLETICS: Surrey Championships (Motspur Park).
CROQUET: Budleigh Salterton Tournament; Peel Memorials (Cheltenham).
GOLF: Scottish women's championship (Barassie); Irish women's championship (Waterville); Welsh Women's Closed Championship (Prestatyn); Brabazon Trophy (Seaton Carew).
RACE WALKING: Samis 7-mile walk championships (Guernsey).
BOXING: British Lightweight Championship (vacant: T Wiles v I McLeod (at Digbeth).
TENNIS: LTA tournament, Lee on Solent.
SQUASH: Austin Reed/Slazenger championships: North East and North West regional finals, Leeds.
SPEEDWAY: League Cup: Ipswich v Coventry; Sheffield v Wolverhampton. National League: Arena Essex v Exeter; Middlesborough v Long Eaton.

## EVENING RACING

### Hereford

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FOOTBALL: HISTORIC TREBLE STILL IN SIGHT FOR LEAGUE CHAMPIONS AND CUP FINALISTS

# Everton repel Rapid's late challenge to win first European trophy

From Clive White
Rotterdam

**Everton.....3**
**Rapid Vienna.....1**

Everton, as promised, put a smile back on the face of British football when they comfortably won the Cup Winners' Cup, their first European trophy, at the Feyenoord stadium last night. An 84th-minute goal by Krankl caused a tremor but Sheedy replied within a minute to make it 3-1.

From the outset Everton assumed the role that everyone outside, and even inside, Austria had bestowed upon them – that of favourites. Rapid resigned themselves promptly to a defensive position. Everton saw the green of Rapid's shirts as a "go" light and they drove up wide avenues – more like autobahns – in the Austrian defence.

It was 31 minutes before Rapid had their first sight of Southall's new red jersey, but Krankl, the veteran Austrian centre-forward, headed well wide.

Everton's all-action style was in stark contrast to the minute's silence before kick-off for the victims of the Bradford fire disaster, which the predominance of Everton supporters honoured with a sober respect that was surprising considering the inebriated state of many of them at the end of a day of much premature celebration.

Within the first three minutes, Kienast and Garger both miskicked nervously in front of their own goal. Then Lainer had to fling himself full length to head clear in front of his hesitant goalkeeper, and Stevens fiercely struck a penetrating cross behind the Austrian line of defence.

Stevens's long throw-ins were soon to prove equally troublesome for Rapid. Sheedy tested Konsel's mental state when he struck a right-footed shot none too powerfully and the goalkeeper made a nervous parrying save.

Rapid, however, continued to survive, with not particularly great courage, and hinted at danger for the only time in the first half when the quick, tricky Kranjcar cut inside Ratcliffe with disturbing ease, but true to his nature and exceptional acceleration, the Everton captain rescued the situation with a tackle of perfect timing and bravery in the midst of the penalty area.

Weber, of Rapid, and Stevens, of Everton, were booked in quick succession. Konsel squared up to Gray when he thought that Everton's inspirational leader had challenged him unfairly. Gray caused him greater consternation though, when he put the ball past him and into the net but the referee ruled offside.

The longer the game proceeded without reward for Everton's magnificent effort the more one feared that justice again might not be seen to be done in a tie involving Rapid. The Austrians certainly opened the second half with greater urgency – which did not say much – and Kranjcar had a shot deflected by Van Den Hauwe onto the stanchion behind Southall's goal.

But in the 57th minute Everton finally earned a fair exchange for their outlay. Sharp, true to his name, intercepted Weinhofer's back pass, and drew Kinsel craftily before pulling back across which left Gray with a delightful volley.

A quarter of an hour later Everton put the outcome beyond doubt when Mountfield dummied at a Sheedy corner, causing confusion in the Austrian defence and leaving Steven with a simple tap-in.

**EVERTON:** N Southall; G Stevens, P van den Hauwe, K Ratcliffe, D Mountfield, P Reid, T Steven, G Sharp, A Gray, P Bracewell, K Sheedy.
**RAPID VIENNA:** M Konsel; L Lainer, K Garger, K Brauneder, H Weber, R Kienast, Z Kranjcar, P Hrstic, J Krankl, R Weinhofer, P Pacult.
**Referee:** P Casarin (Italy).



Closedown: Steven looks for a gap in Rapid's defence

# Webb has talks with Villa

Neil Webb, Portsmouth's England under-21 midfield player, was having transfer talks yesterday with Aston Villa. Webb, who told Portsmouth on Tuesday that he would not be playing for them next season, travelled to the Midlands to discuss terms with the Villa manager, Graham Turner.

A fee has not been agreed. Portsmouth say they want around £350,000 for Webb, aged 22, who scored 18 goals this season.

Earlier this season, they accepted bids of £250,000 from Queen's Park Rangers and Sunderland for the former Reading player, but he preferred to stay at Fratton Park while they were in with a chance of promotion.

If the clubs cannot come to an agreement, the size of the fee may have to be decided by an independent League tribunal.

David Moss, the Luton Town winger, was given a free transfer yesterday. "It would be easy to stay here but I would be in the reserves", said Moss, aged 33, who joined Luton seven years ago. "I would rather drop down a division or two. When I explained my position to Luton they agreed to let me go."

Bobby Moore, Southend United's manager, has given free transfers to five first team players, including the former England forward Trevor Whymark and midfield player Ron Pountney, who is having his testimonial year.

# Lawrenson's shoulder may not be ready for European Cup

Mark Lawrenson's chances of playing in the European Cup final against Juventus on May 29, were described by his manager, Joe Fagan, as "touch and go" after he dislocated his shoulder in **Liverpool's** 1-1 draw at **Southampton.**

Lawrenson quickly had the shoulder put back but Steve Moran was less fortunate, the Southampton forward was kept in hospital overnight after he suffered concussion in a first-half collision.

**West Ham** could be without four first-team players for tomorrow's match at Ipswich where a win would secure their first division place for next season. Orr went off at half-time in Tuesday night's 5-1 home win over doomed **Stoke,** Gale has tonsilitis, Allen and Walford both have a virus.

John Lyall, the manager, will consider withdrawing Allen and Cottee from the England Under-21 side to play Finland next week if his side's position is still in jeopardy after the Ipswich game.

The veteran defender Billy Bonds, aged 38, led West Ham's surge, scoring two of the goals. "The first goal was important, it settled us down", he said. "Everybody expects you to get four goals against Stoke, but it's never easy."

"Billy is an incredible fellow" Lyall said. "We always said it would be good to have him back for the run in and he proved it tonight. He swung the game. There was a lot of tension about before his first goal.

"The results went as well as we could have expected, except for Norwich's fine result. All three at the bottom are battling and are not going to lie down. We have the advantages in our favour still."

**Norwich** beat **Chelsea** 2-1 in atrocious conditions at Stamford Bridge, which has virtually guaranteed that the Milk Cup winners are safe for another season.

It was Norwich's third win in 13 games since beating Sunderland at Wembley in March. The Chelsea pitch resembled a swamp, but Brown made light of the heavy conditions. "I asked the referee about it before the game and he assured me there were no problems, but that if it deteriorated he would have to call it off. But I'd have been a bit sick if he had abandoned it with five minutes to go."

Although Kilcline headed against the bar, **Coventry City** could manage only a 0-0 draw at **Ipswich Town.** They now must beat Stoke, Everton and Luton to stay up.

"One of our downfalls this season has been that we have gone forward too much, and received a sucker punch at the other end. Tonight we were steady at the back, and composed. Donald Mackay, the manager, said.

His captain, Kenny Hibbitt, was taken off after 30 minutes, following a kick on the shin. Mackay said that a shinguard saved his leg from being broken, and a decision on whether the midfield player will be fit to face Stoke will be made later this week.

The **Sheffield Wednesday** manager, Howard Wilkinson, was disappointed after defeat at **Tottenham Hotspur** ended his side's hopes of qualifying for Europe. His players were annoyed with several of Brian Hill's refereeing decisions. "My players were angry at the end, because there was a lot at stake. There was a catalogue of decisions that consistently went against us, but I've not commented about referees for two seasons. Let's leave it at that – we've had a reasonable season."

# Dutch seize World Cup opportunity

The Hague (Reuter) – The Netherlands yesterday celebrated the national team's reprieve from World Cup elimination following Tuesday night's 1-0 win in Hungary. The surprise victory in Budapest over the previously unbeaten Hungarians, already assured of a place in Mexico, was greeted with joy and relief by the Dutch Press.

Headlines such as "Fabulous goal opens up a detour to Mexico", "A miracle in sight – we're in the race again" and Dutch shed tears of joy" described the victory sewn up by a goal from the Ajax forward, Rob de Wit, in the 68th minute.

After losing their first two Group Five qualifying games against Austria and Hungary, the Netherlands can now qualify for the Mexico finals by beating the runners-up in Group One, likely to be Poland or Belgium.

The Dutch trainer, Leo Beenhakker, had demanded 100 per cent effort from his players, and he was not disappointed. "They did everything I asked and kept to our plan for the match. I'm very pleased with them, but Mexico is still a long way off," he said.

The Dutch resisted some severe first-half pressure, thanks largely to Willi van der Kerkhof, who kept the Hungarian forward, Nyilasi, well under control.

**HUNGARY:** P Disztl; S Sallai, A Roth, I Garaba, Z Peter, J Kardos, A Nagy, L Detari, J Kiprich, T Nyilasi, M Esterhazy.
**NETHERLANDS:** H van Breukelen; B Wijnstekers, M van der Korput, F Rijkaard, T Lockoff, P Schoenaker, W van der Kerkhof, (sub, R de Wit), A van Tiggelen, W Kieft, M van Basten, S Tanahatu.

● **BUENOS AIRES:** Argentina beat Chile 2-0 on Tuesday to secure their first victory of the year and go into their World Cup qualifying matches on a winning note (Reuter reports). Diego Maradona put Argentina on the road to victory with a 31st minute goal. Burruchaga, a midfield player, added the second in the 67th minute.

# Hillingdon stranded

Hillingdon football club looks likely to close after more than 100 years. Alan Humphries, the manager, and his squad of 16 players are looking for employment after the Southern League club's board decided last night to re-develop the Leas Stadium at West Drayton.

Hillingdon, who narrowly missed promotion from the league's southern division to the premier division, have been at their ground for 31 years. But Humphries believes it will be impossible to find another home for the club before next season.

"It looks hopeless," he said. "Hillingdon council offered us a new ground, but only for one season. It wouldn't be worth taking the floodlights and the rest of our set-up somewhere else for so short a time.

"Now we are all looking for new jobs. Ideally, I'd like to keep my squad together because I've got some good players. So if someone wants to take us all on, that's alright with me."

# Two in a row

Paris (Reuter) – Bordeaux won the French league championship for the second year running with a 2-0 victory over Laval on Tuesday night. Bordeaux still have two matches to play but the victory puts them six points clear at the top of the first division, out of reach of the second-placed Nantes, who had a 21 victory over Nancy.

**Stuart Jones**
*Football Correspondent*

RUGBY UNION

# England concentrate on backs and lineout for opening game

From David Hands, Rugby Correspondent, Whangerei

Though they have delayed until today the announcement of the team for the first match of their New Zealand tour, England will rely on most of the players who appeared in the five nations championship when they meet North Auckland here on Saturday. The adjustments largely affect the backs, since Andrew, Simms and Underwood were not available for the tour, and the likelihood is that Barnes, Salmon and Goodwin will profit from their absence.

After the first full training of the tour at Kensington Park yesterday, Martin Green, the coach, indicated that he would hope to build on the team spirit established during the home internationals by keeping together as many of the players as he could for the opening encounter. With the exception of Blakeway he has all the forwards available, and the loose-head prop position will probably be filled by Huntsman, the schoolmaster who plays for Headingley.

The players worked for two and a half hours yesterday morning for much of the time in sunshine though they were drenched near the end of the morning downpour.

Brian Ashton, the assistant coach, worked on basic skills with the backs while the emphasis among the forwards was very firmly on the lineout. England will find this area something of a free-for-all but they know what to expect: they have received advice from Bill Beaumont, the former England captain, who toured New Zealand with the 1977 British Lions, while Bainbridge, the Fylde lock and a member of the current party, was one of the few successes of the 1983 Lions here.

Harrison, the Wakefield wing, did not complete the training session after sustaining a groin injury, but it is probable that he will have to wait until next Wednesday for his first game, if Goodwin and Smith are to occupy the wing positions against North Auckland. Three of the backs, Dodge, the captain, Barnes and Metcalf, spent an additional period yesterday afternoon at Okara Park, the match venue, practising place-kicking.

The ball with which England have been training, and which they will be using throughout the tour (an Adidas All-Black), is much lighter than either variety of ball (Mitre or Gilbert) English players are accustomed to using in club or international matches. They may find it difficult to control, particularly in wet weather when it becomes very slippery, and the goal-kickers may need to make some technical adjustments.

Today England will travel some 40 miles north to train, in the lovely Bay of Islands area, before rounding off their preparations tomorrow at the match venue. Derek Morgan, the tour manager, is also due to meet John Minto, chairman of the Halt All Racist Tours (HART) organization, tomorrow. Mr Minto is seeking an assurance that those England players who toured in South Africa last year do not intend to go there again. Meanwhile, what is described as a "low-key" rally is planned here on Saturday by opponents of New Zealand's tour to South Africa later this year, a rally that is likely to receive a frosty reception from local rugby enthusiasts.

CYCLING

# LeMond gears up for Tour of Italy

By John Wilcockson

Following the withdrawal of Sean Kelly from the Tour of Italy Greg LeMond is the main hope for a non-Italian win this 4,000-kilometre race, which starts today in Verona. LeMond, aged 23, who has just returned from a fortnight's training at his home in Sacramento, California, rides alongside Bernard Hinault in the French team, La Vie Claire.

Hinault has won the Tour of Italy twice in his illustrious career, but he said this week: "I am not too bothered whether I win again as long as a rider from La Vie Claire is first. With Greg, we can keep the Italians guessing all the time. We will attack at every opportunity, whether that is on the climbs, the descents or at the feeding station.

Both Hinault and LeMond are good in time trials, which will play an important role in the three-week race. Besides today's seven-kilometre prologue, there will be a 38-kilometre test between Capu and Maddaloni on May 29 and a 48-kilometre effort to Lucca, where the tour ends on June 9.

Last year, Francesco Moser won the Tour of Italy because of his domination in the time trials, but his rivals have caught up with his in technology. They too have plunging time-trial frames and disc wheels. Without this advantage, the 33-year-old Moser will be hard pressed to resist riders such as LeMond, Hinault, Tommy Prim of Sweden, Angel Arroyo of Spain and the Belgian veteran Lucien VanImpe.

The course is more mountainous than that of last year. The Dolomites will be encountered on the fourth day, the Abruzzi and the Apennines in the second week, and the Alps three days from the finish. Another former winner taking part is the Italian Giuseppe Saronni, but his challenge is unlikely to go beyond stage wins. The best Italians nowadays are Moreno Argentin, Roberto Visentini and Mario Beccia, all of whom are at home in the mountains.





Joining forces: Hinault (left) and LeMond

EQUESTRIANISM

# After the fall came victories

By Jenny MacArthur

Amanda, Michael Whitaker's Olympic horse, who nearly died last October, helped Britain to win the Nations Cup at the Madrid international show this week, despite a disastrous second round reminiscent of the mare's fateful second round in the Olympic individual competition at Los Angeles.

Britain tied equal with West Germany on a score of zero after the first round. Amanda, first to go in the second, jumped too big over a double of oxers and stopped at the next fence, an upright. The mare reared and Whitaker had an untypical fall. Reunited, they completed their round to finish on a score of 51.

Fortunately Helena Dickinson, aged 21 and competing abroad for the first time for her new sponsors, the Team Raffles, secured a brilliant second clear on Just Malone which was matched by the other two members of her team, Malcolm Pyrah on Towerlands Diamond Seeker and John Whitaker, Michael's older brother, on Hopscotch. Despite being winded after his fall, Michael Whitaker returned to the fray for the jump-off, where a fine clear round helped secure the Cup.

Amanda's brush with death came six months ago when she was rushed to the Royal Veterinary College in Potters Bar with suspected colic and was then operated on for a displacement of part of the large bowel. After resting during the winter, she was back in work in time for the British tour of Spain, where, earlier this month, she won the Grand Prix at Jerez de la Frontera and then went on to win the Grand Prix at Madrid.

**NATIONS CUP:** 1, Britain, 2, West Germany, 3, France. British individual scores: Amanda (M Whitaker) 8, 51, 0; Just Malone (H Dickinson) 0, 0, 0; Towerlands Diamond Seeker (M Pyrah) 0, 0, 4, Hopscotch (J Whitaker) 0, 0, -.

# Southern hemisphere stars shine brightly in Britain

**RUGBY LEAGUE DIARY**
Keith Macklin

At a time when Great Britain are making plans to win in 1986 a series against Australia for the first time since 1970, Australian players have dominated the domestic scene, followed by New Zealanders.

Many were the rumblings of discontent when the Australians began to pour into British Rugby League at the start of the season. Home players, understandably, were put out as they lost their places to these expensive imports, and the cry of the Jeremiahs was that young players would get few opportunities to shine amid the stars of Australia and New Zealand.

To some extent the complaints were justified, but there is no doubt that the infusion of Antipodean players into Britain has done great things for the domestic game. Peter Sterling at Hull, Brett Kenny at Wigan and Mal Meninga at St Helens proved their status as the world's best in their positions, and in doing so lifted their clubs to trophy successes before huge crowds. John Ferguson, the Aberigine winger, was flown back from Australia for the Wembley game and obliged with two tries in Wigan's beating of Hull.

For Hull, Sterling inspired and goaded the Humbersiders to a Yorkshire Cup triumph and a place in the Challenge Cup final, and brought the best out of the experienced New Zealanders Kemble, O'Hara, Leuluai and Ah Kuoi.

At Craven Park, Mark Broadhurst and Gary Prohm of New Zealand were outstanding members of the championship and John Player sides, with Gordon Smith playing a useful supporting role. The Kangaroos and the Kiwis were significant everywhere.

However, the greatest and most salutary impact of the Australian invasion occurred at a club where no trophies were won but where Rugby League made a staggering revival. Last season Halifax squeezed out an unconvincing promotion place before crowds of fewer than 1,500, and no one believed they could stay up. The familiar yo-yo syndrome of promoted sides was gloomily anticipated. David Brook, the wealthy businessman who sponsored the 1984 Australian tour, had other ideas. He delved deep into the coffers and brought a dozen or so young and vigorous Australians to Thrum Hall. The results were spectacular, particularly at the gate.

Attendances shot up from just over 1,000 to a peak of more than 8,000 for the derby game with Bradford Northern, and attendances of 5,000 became the norm at Thrum Hall as the Australians turned on a typical brand of exciting risk-taking open rugby. As a result Halifax stayed in the first division.

In the London missionary outpost of Fulham, a group of Australians led by Mike Davis the scrum half, lifted the side out of the early doldrums to finish in respectable second division position. Surprisingly, only at Headingley did the magic not quite work with Malcolm Clift, the Australian coach, and a strong Kangaroo colony led by Eric Gothe, the winger, just falling short in the championship and premiership.

Nevertheless, the protests of those who felt that too many overseas players were distorting the British game have been heeded, and the council has decreed that there will be a maximum of five overseas players next season, with four the following season and three after that.

Although the Australian connection dominated the season, there were other significant events and movements, not all of them happy. Fulham were split by players who walked out on the club after a High Court judgement that gave players freedom of contract after a change of ownership. A Maidenhead businessman, Roy Close, and Roy Lester, the team manager bravely rode the storm, but it was a difficult time.

Bridgend and Southend Invicta had disastrous seasons, both on the field and at the turnstiles, and there are serious doubts about their future, despite courageous affirmation of continuance from directors.

The other black mark on the season was the fixture chaos, with the severe winter causing so many postponements that the season ended with a ludicrous backlog. League officials will insist next season that postponed matches are played within a month.

The overall impression of 1984-85 is a confident and positive one, with two magnificent major trophy finals drawing the crowds and earning superlatives. Worldwide television coverage showed the best-ever Wembley final, between Wigan and Hull, before nearly 100,000 spectators, and the premiership final between St Helens and Hull Kingston Rovers also produced 10 tries. The Rugby League World Cup is being revived, and the New Zealand and Australian touring teams are coming over.

Last season produced a record number of tries in a Rugby season, and the game has never been healthier at its grass roots, even if the transplants struggle.

# Why the hit man scores a miss with England



Kerry Dixon: goals are not everything

Kerry Dixon knew that he had three hours in which to achieve his aim. In Chelsea's closing Canon League fixtures he needed to score one goal against two of the weakest defences, those of Stoke City and Norwich City, to become the leading scorer in the first division this season.

Although he failed in his attempt, he has succeeded in gaining the recognition of Bobby Robson, who admits that he could not ignore his final total of 24. Yet in his search for a sharp and reliable spearhead it would seem that England's manager has been influenced more by statistical evidence than genuine conviction.

When asked to elaborate on Dixon's qualities, Robson offered no more than a list of his feats at Reading in the third division and at Chelsea in the second and now the first. It amounts overall to 103 goals in 193 League appearances, a striking rate that is not far below that of Rush at Liverpool.

Dixon himself concedes that he has "a lot to learn". He started his education at Tottenham Hotspur, where he failed his apprenticeship, and continued outside the League at Dustable. There, as an 18-year-old, he scored 52 goals in the 1981 season and showed enough promise to persuade Reading to sign him.

Although he was individually successful, his colleagues collectively were not. In 1983 Reading were relegated to the fourth division and they allowed him to join Chelsea for £175,000 but, aware of his future potential, they added a clause to the transfer contract: when, and if, Dixon won his second full England cap, Reading would receive another £25,000.

That prospect remains distant. If Woodcock and particularly Davenport had been available, Robson would not even have included Dixon in the squad for the forthcoming internationals against Finland, Scotland, Italy, Mexico, West Germany and the United States. As it is, Dixon can realistically expect to be selected only in the last, relatively meaningless, game in Los Angeles.

If Dixon could tuck Nevin, a Scottish imp of a winger, into his pocket and transport him to wherever he performs, he would be confident of scoring. At Chelsea he has been fortunate to see either Thomas or Canoville crossing from the other flank as well. Any tall, powerful forward would profit from such a plentiful supply of ammunition.

Hateley, quicker and more agile than Dixon and less dependent on others, burst to international prominence during the tour of South America last summer when Barnes and Chamberlain were aiming for his forehead. But Robson, recognizing that England's main strength lies in midfield, has since discarded the 4-2-4 formation.

Hateley, often left on his own by AC Milan, has proved that he can cope in a land that is not noted for adventure. As long as he is fit, Dixon will remain deep in his shadow, even if he does "improve other aspects of my trade", as he agrees he must. He will not be alone.

Blissett, Regis, Stein, Walsh and Allen are other forwards to have been introduced and omitted since Robson took over. So has Lineker, of Leicester City, but he is more likely to establish his place over the next few weeks. That should satisfy the statisticians. He is Dixon's equal, scoring 24 goals this season in the same number of appearances, 41.

**Stuart Jones**
*Football Correspondent*

FOR THE RECORD

**FOOTBALL**

**INTERNATIONAL:** Argentina 2, Chile 0.
**SOVIET LEAGUE:** Dynamo Tbilisi 2, Torpedo Kutaisi 0; Spartak Moscow 1, Kairat Alma Ata 1; Zenit Leningrad 1, Torpedo Moscow 2; Ararat Seravan 3, Dniepr Dnepropetrovsk 5; Neftchi Baku 1, Chernomorets Odessa 0; Dynamo Minsk 1, Shakhtyor Donetsk 1; Ska Rostov 0, Dynamo Kiev 0; Zhalgiris Vilnius 1, Dynamo Moscow 5; Voronezh Fakel 2, Metallist Kharkov 0. Leading positions: 1, Dynamo Tbilisi 15 points; 2, Dynamo Kiev 14; 3, Dnepr 14; 4, Torpedo Moscow 13.
**SWISS CUP:** Semi-finals: Aarau 3, Servette Geneva 1; Neuchatel Xamax 3, Lausanne 2. (Aarau meet Neuchatel in the final in Berne on May 27).
**FOOTBALL COMBINATION:** Portsmouth 1, Charlton 0; Luton 1, Swansea 0.

**ICE HOCKEY**

**NORTH AMERICA:** National Hockey League (NHL) semi-final play-offs: Philadelphia Flyers 2, Quebec Nordiques 1 (Philadelphia lead best-of-seven series, 3-2); Edmonton Oilers 10, Chicago Black Hawks 5 (Edmonton lead best-of-seven series, 3-2).

**BASEBALL**

**NORTH AMERICA:** American League: Kansas City Royals 5, Baltimore Orioles 3; Detroit Tigers 4, Texas Rangers 1; Toronto Blue Jays 6, California Angels 3; New York Yankees 10, Minnesota Twins 7; Seattle Mariners 5, Boston Red Sox 0; Oakland A's 6, Milwaukee Brewers 3; Chicago White Sox 2, Cleveland Indians 1. National League: Philadelphia Phillies 7, Cincinnati Reds 1; San Francisco Giants 3, Pittsburgh Pirates 1, New York Mets 3, Atlanta Braves 1; Houston Astros 10, Montreal Expos 0; San Diego Padres 6, St Louis Cardinals 2; Chicago Cubs 8, Los Angeles Dodgers 3.

**TENNIS**

**GRAND PRIX STANDINGS:** 1, J McEnroe (US) 1,773 pts, 2, I Lendl (Cz) 1,100; 3, T Mayotte (US) 832; 4, M Mecir (Cz) 810; 5, B Davis (US) 784; 6, T Smid (Cz) 758; 7, J Connors (US) 656; 8, A Jarryd (Sw) 582; 9, M Wilander (Sw) 580; 10, J Krisk (US) 548.
**MADRID:** Madrid Grand Prix. First round: D Tarr (SA) bt H Leconte (Fr) 7-6, 2-6, 7-6; A Maurer (WG) bt H Gunthardt (Switz) 2-6, 7-5, 7-6. L Duncan (US) bt A Fillol (Chile) 6-2, 6-2; J Nystrom (Swe) bt F Maciel (Mex) 6-2, 6-0; C Limberger (Austria) bt R Vivar (Ec) 6-1, 6-4; A Tous (Sp) bt Z Kucharzky (Switz) 6-0, 6-4; R Gehring (WG) bt J Higueras (Sp) 6-3, 7-5; G Urpi (Sp) bt G Barbosa (Br) 7-6, 6-3.
**LEE-ON-SOLENT:** LTA Spring Series tournament: Men's singles first round: M Kratzmann (Aus) bt L Alfred (Wales) 6-3, 6-1; J Bates bt M Bancow 6-0, 6-1; N Fulwood bt R Drysdale 4-6, 6-2, 6-3; M Christensen (Den) bt D Hilgata 2-6, 6-4, 7-5; P Lundgren (Swe) bt D Stone (US) 6-1, 6-1. Women's singles first round: E Reinach (SA) bt K Schimper (SA) 6-2, 6-1; L Gracie bt B Borneo 6-0, 4-6, 6-3; L Vandborg (Den) bt A Bjork (Swe) 6-2, 6-3; A Karlsson (Swe) bt A K Olsson (Swe) 6-4, 6-3; N Zhong (China) bt J Tacon 7-5, 0-2, x-t; (China) bt H Mansat (US) 6-2, 6-2; M Reinach (SA) bt D Parnell 6-1, 6-0; H Olsson (Swe) bt C Wood 6-0, 6-3; S Sullivan bt M Mendez (Arg) 6-4, 6-2; D van Ransburg (SA) bt Lolet (WG) 6-0, 6-2. Second round: Reinach bt Vandborg (-0, 6-0.
**WEST BERLIN:** West German women's open first round: P Keppeler (WG) bt K Kinney (US) 6-4, 6-1, A Villagran (Arg) bt L McNeil (US) 6-4, 7-6. Second round: L Bonder (US) bt M-C Calleja (Fr) 6-1, 6-2; C Tanner (Fr) bt C Sure (Fr) 6-4, 6-1; K Horvath (US) bt A Minter (Aus) 6-1, 6-4; C Karlsson (Swe) bt S Mascarin (US) 3-6, 7-5, 7-5.

**BASKETBALL**

**UNITED STATES:** National Basketball Association (NBA) semi-final play-offs: Boston Celtics 105, Philadelphia 76ers 98 (Boston lead best-of-seven series, 2-0); Denver Nuggets 136, Los Angeles Lakers 114 (best-of-seven series tied, 1-1).

**BOXING:** The International Boxing Federation (IBF) has ordered the world bantamweight champion, Jeff Fenech of Australian to defend his title in a re-match in Sydney against Satashi Shingaki of Japan. Fenech won the title from Shingaki in Sydney last month on a technical knock-out when the referee stopped the fight in the ninth round, but the IBF ordered the re-match following an appeal by Shingaki's handlers.
**ASIAN WINTER GAMES:** India will send a small contingent to participate in the first Asian Winter Games to be held in Japan next March.

BOXING

# Last chance for big time

Tony Willis, hose professional career has not quite lived up to his 1980 Olypic bronze medal, has his second shot at the British light-weight title at Digbeth civil hall, Birmingham night a will be trying not to think of the first, which lasted less than one round.

On that occasion, in December 1983, the unbeaten Willis was expected to relieve George Feency of the championship. Instead, he had to be rescued by the referee almost before he had time to throw a punch. It remains one of his only two defeats, but it appears to have arrested his progress and he may have difficulty dealing with his opponent, Ian McLeod, of Edinburgh.

McLeod is remembered as a top-class amateur featherweight who never quite won an Amateur Boxing Association (ABA) title and who was unlucky not to be a team-mate of Willis at the Moscow Olympics Games.

Significantly, his record includes two defeats by Peter Eubanks, whose claim to fame is that he remains the only man to have beaten Barry McGuigan. That may not be of much comfort to McLeod, however, since Eubanks has also been beaten by Tony Willis.

Since mid-1982, McLeod had lost only once, when he stepped out of his class, and both he and Willis come to the fight with solid if unspectacular records. They are two of boxing's capable and reliable journeymen, and will produce a good title fight.

They also face the fact that this is probably the last chance for either to make a big impact.

BADMINTON

# Korea will face England five times on tour

England are to play Korea in five matches next Autumn – with the help of £10,000 worth of sponsorship from the Isle of Man Tourist Board.

Only two of the locations have been settled so far and the penultimate match will be at Carlisle on October 31, with the final encounter of the series on the Isle of Man, on November 2.

Korea also toured here a year ago when England won the then four-match series 2-1, with one draw, but since then the Korean pair of Kim Moon Soo and Park Joo Bong have become all-England men's doubles champions to reflect Korea's growing strength.

ROWING

# Philp's Oxford takeover

By Jim Railton

Bruce Philp, the first-ever man to gain a rowing blue for both Cambridge and Oxford, has risen to the very top of Oxford University's sporting tree in his first year.

Last Thursday Philp was elected President of Oxford University Boat Club designate and on Tuesday evening, at a men's Blues Committee meeting in Vincent's club, Philp was elected president of the Oxford Blues Committee – the unofficial ruling body of Oxford sport.

Philp was a member of the losing 1982 and 1983 Cambridge Boat Race crews. The next year he was dropped by Cambridge and rowed in their reserve crew, Goldie, who beat Isis by two and three-quarters lengths.

Philp, of Bryanston School and Downing College, Cambridge, came over to Oxford in October to read Clinical Medicine and found a place at Worcester College. He was not sure on his arrival at Oxford whether he would even be accepted as an Oxford Blue. Oxford's coach, Dan Topolski, was not sure whether he wanted Philp either. The fact that he came from the Cam did not matter. The fact that he was overweight did.

Philp, to his credit, worked hard throughout the year and on April 6, weighing 15st 4lb, rowed in the Oxford threeseat in their record tenth successive Boat Race victory.

Philp now has an important role to play in any future agreement on eligibility for the Varsity matches

RACING: CAUTHEN DECIDES TO RIDE SLIP ANCHOR IN DERBY

# Spicy Story to put Ascot misfortune behind him

By Mandarin (Michael Phillips)

Making excuses for beaten horses in racing has long been one of the greatest recipes for disaster. Yet from time to time it pays to follow a gut feeling At York today I am hopeful that Spicy Story will justify just such a course of action by winning the Yorkshire Cup.

After watching him finish third in the Sagaro Stakes at Ascot at the beginning of this month, beaten only a neck and the same by Longboat Gildoran, I felt that I had not seen an unluckier loser all season, with the possible exception of Dubian at Epsom the previous week. Ironically, both were ridden by the same man, Pat Eddery.

My interpretation of Spicy Story's race was confirmed soon afterwards when Eddery dismounted and told Ian Balding the four-year-old's trainer, that he ought to have won by three lengths. As Spicy Story reopposes Longboat on 3lb better terms today the stage looks set for him to get revenge, particularly as the Italian St Leger winner, Old Country, is no means certain to co-operate at the start and enter the stalls, as we have seen before.

Eddery, who has the ride on Spicy Story again this afternoon, has a good chance of winning the Duke of York Stakes as well on Grey Desire. Having won three of his last four races. Mel Brittain's five-year-old can lay claim to be regarded as one of the most improved sprinters in training. Even his one defeat was no disgrace because he was attempting to give 17lb to Chapel Cottage, who subsequently finished second in the Palace House Stakes at Newmarket. Today Grey Desire will be meeting her on a stone better terms.

Having napped **Ho Mi Chinh** to win his first race of the season at Pontefract and seen him oblige with something in hand, I have no intention of deserting him now in the Norwest Holst Trophy, even though the opposition is stronger and the ground will be different from anything he has encountered before.

Stiff opposition will come from Braddells and Bulrush, who both finished second at Newmarket during the recent Guineas meeting, as well as Qualitaire Flyer, a winner on soft ground at Haydock Park before he ran in the 2,000 Guineas, the unbeaten Scottish Reel and The Andystan. But Ho Mi Chinh's form stands up so well that I nap him again.

**Orchid Dancer**, the filly to whom he gave 12lb and a comfortable beating at Pontefract has won twice since and may well carry on the good work in the Turn To Yorkshire Handicap Stakes and thus enable Ho Mi Chinh's rider, John Lowe, to pull off a double.

Earlier in the day Lester Piggott looked sure to win the Davey McKee Handicap for Michael Stoute on Marooned, who won an apprentices race at Ascot at the beginning of this month by a wide margin. Before that Marooned had been beaten only narrowly at Newmarket by Clanrallier, who romped home at Chester last week.

After riding at York, Piggott will then rush to Sandown Park in the hope of winning the Miller Insurance Group Stakes for John Winter on Vital Boy, who was runner up to Valuable Witness last time out over today's course and distance. In this instance, though, I prefer Southern Dynasty at a difference of 10lb. Philip Mitchell's progressive four-year-old impressed me when winning at Lingfield Park last Saturday.

Piggott's best chance of victory surely lies with Diaglyphard in the Blackbird Stakes. When he won his only race so far at Newmarket last month my selection beat Field Hand, who then won his next race at Chester by six lengths.

### Course specialists

**YORK**

TRAINERS: J Dunlop, 21 winners from 65 runners, 31.8%; W Hern 32 from 116, 27.5%; H Cecil 25 from 963, 28.8%.
JOCKEYS: L Piggott, 53 winners from 256 rides, 20.7%; W Carson, 50 from 241, 20.7%; W Carson, 50 from 241, 20.7%; S Cauthen, 44 from 261, 16.9%.

**SANDOWN**

TRAINERS: W Hern, 20 winners from 68 runners, 29.4%; M Stoute, 29 from 120, 24.2%; H Cecil 12 from 55, 21.8%.
JOCKEYS: I Piggott, 52 winners from 204 rides, 25.5%; W Carson, 56 from 227, 24.7%; M Thomas, 8 from 50, 16.0%.

# Damister silences detractors with slick Derby show

By Michael Seely

Steve Cauthen decided to ride Slip Anchor in the Derby after the favourite's stable companion, Vin de France, had finished a creditable second to Damister in the Mecca-Dante Stakes at York yesterday. "He won so well at Lingfield", the 25-year-old champion said, "He came down the hill in good style and is sure to act at Epsom".

Damister is now quoted at 12-1 for the Blue Riband of the turf, but put up a sound and authoritative performance when storming home four lengths clear of Vin de France with Reach finishing another three lengths away in third place.

Both Les Arcs, the 11-4 favourite, and Royal Harmony disappointed, finishing 4th and 5th. Michael Stoute said that Les Arcs would now miss the big race, but Barry Hills commented about Royal Harmony: "Let's hope that it was just due to the ground. He hated every moment of it. But we'll just have to wait and see".

Whether Damister possesses the necessary class to win the Derby outright is still open to question. But Prince Khaled Abdulla's Mr Prospector colt is an admirably tough and consistent three-year-old, who looks sure to stay the mile and a half at Epsom.

"I don't know what more he's got to do to prove himself", Jeremy Tree, the trainer, said afterwards. "He has finished second to Shadeed and won the Guardian Classic Trail and the Mecca-Dante. After all, he can't do more than beat the opposition that's put up against him".

Pat Eddery also commented favourably, although the former champion refused to be drawn about the respective merits of yesterday's winner, Law Society and Leading Counsel. "I was most impressed. He quickened up nicely and won well. I shall have to ride one of Vincent O'Brien's, but Damister's going to give some jockey a good ride at Epsom."

Henry Cecil and Daniel Wildenstein, Vin de France's trainer and owner, said that the runner-up was likely to join Slip Anchor in the line-up at Epsom. "He tired in the last furlong," Cecil said, "but if we're satisfied that he is likely to stay he'll be there on the day."

The betting on the Derby continues to cover a wide range. Slip Anchor is generally on offer at 4-1, but strangely enough both the bookmakers and the public are choosing to ignore the 2,000 Guineas form as Bairn and Shadeed are quoted at 11-2 and 6-1 with Supreme Leader priced at 12-1. It is worth remembering that Shadeed bt Damister by six lengths in the Craven Stakes at Newmarket in April.

Eddery and Tree went on to complete a 35-1 double when Portlaw romped home to a comfortable victory over Persis in the Hambledon Stakes. Like Damister, Portlaw is sired by Mr Prospector. "We'll find it hard to win another handicap with him now," the Beckhampton trainer said.

Eddery was then a trifle unfortunate not to complete a treble, as Princess Cariole was disqualified after beating Chapel Light by half a length in the *Mail on Sunday* Handicap. Brent Thomson's objection for interference three furlongs from home was upheld by the stewards.

Geoff Huffer, Princess Cariole's trainer had created an interesting point of ethics by telling the punters on television that the horse was unfancied. "Yes., I did put them away," he said afterwards. "It's every man for himself at this game."

The Newmarket trainer intends to appeal against Princess Cariole's disqualification, but, whatever the outcome of the enquiry, bets will not be affected.

Both Nomination and Mazaad are now bound for the Coventry Stakes at Royal Ascot after finishing first and second in a hard-fought duel for the See It Live In Yorkshire Stakes for Paul Cole and Henry Cecil.

Clive Brittan also said that Forceful Wave was bound for the Royal meeting after beating Eastern Chief by two lengths in the hands of Steve Cauthen in the Tattersall's Yorkshire Stake. Cauthen with 38 winners to his credit, is now 10 ahead of Eddery

● Newbury executive have granted connections of the Derby second favourite, Shadeed, special permission to gallop the colt after racing tomorrow.



Damister draws clear of Vin de France in yesterday's Mecca-Dante Stakes at York

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**Going: soft**

*Draw advantage: 5f-6f, low numbers best on soft ground*

**2.0 WILKINSON MEMORIAL STAKES (3-y-o: £3,362: 7f) (11 runners)**

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| 103 | 0 | PHARAOH'S HAWK (Sheikh Mohammed) H Cecil 9-0 | S Cauthen 10 |
| 104 | 0 | SAN MERCURIALE (G Strawbridge) I Balding 9-0 | P Cook 3 |
| 105 | 00 | SIYAH KALEM (Dana Stud Ltd) J Dunlop 9-0 | W Carson 9 |
| 106 | | DECOY BELLE (Mrs M Macauley) Mrs N Macauley 8-11 | P Robinson 2 |
| 109 | 2 | EVANESCENTE (Baron Thierry Van Suyten) J Tree 8-11 | Pat Eddery 11 |
| 111 | | INTERCOOLER (Graham (Commercials) Ltd) M H Easterby 8-11 | M Birch 4 |
| 112 | 0 | MISTA SPOOF (A Jackson) C Booth 8-11 | R Hills 1 |
| 113 | | PARISIAN VICTORY (T Holland-Martin) R Houghton 8-11 | L Piggott 7 |
| 114 | 4 | SENTIMENTAL ROSES (H H Price Yazid Saud) B Hills 8-11 | B Thomson 6 |

1984: No corresponding race.

100-30 Evanescente, 4 Sentimental Roses, 9-2 Pharaoh's Hawk, 8 Home Blade, 8 Kilimanjaro Bob, 10 San Marcurisle, 14 Siyah Kalem, Parisian Victory, 20 others.

FORM: **KILIMANJARO BOB**, 7th last time, previously (9-0) 4½l 3rd to Diaglyphard (9-0) at Newmarket (7f, £3189, good, Apr 18, 10 ran). PHARAOH'S HAWK (9-0) was backward and another 3l back in 5th. SAN MERCURIALE (9-0) and SIYAH KALEM (9-0) out of first 9 behind Hillers Mate (9-0) at Newmarket (8f, £4,480, good, Apr 17, 25 ran). EVANESCENTE (8-11) 2l 2nd of 21 to Musique Classique (8-11) at Newbury (7f, £2,917, good, Apr 20). SENTIMENTAL ROSES (8-11) was 3½l further back in 4th.
Selection: EVANESCENTE.

### York selections

By Mandarin

2.00 Home Blade. 2.35 Marooned. 3.05 Spicy Story. 3.40 HO MI CHINH (nap). 4.10 Grey Desire. 4.40 Orchid Dancer.

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2.00 Home Blade. 2.35 Marooned. 3.05 Ilium. 3.40 Scottish Reel. 4.10 Capricorn Belle.

By Michael Seely

2.35 Marooned. 3.40 HO MI CHINH (nap). 4.10 Grey Desire.

**2.35 DAVY McKEE HANDICAP (£3,902: 1m 4f) (9)**

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 201 | 10021-0 | K--BATTERY (C) (Mrs M Butler) W Elsey 4-9-10 | J Lowe 6 |
| 202 | 10-2300 | OLD HUBERT (D) (E Annetts) A Bailey 4-9-5 | Heather Quorn 7 |
| 203 | 221-1 | MALDOROR (D Wildenstein) H Cecil 4-9-5 (7 ex) | S Cauthen 2 |
| 204 | 124-21 | MAROONED (D) (J Gresham) M Stoute 4-9-5 | L Piggott 8 |
| 207 | 00-1113 | TEMPLE BAR (D) (Barclays Heelas Ltd) C Britain 5-8-12 | W Carson 5 |
| 209 | 0430-04 | PEN TIGER (D) (Mrs J Blogg) R Hollinshead 4-8-7 | S Parks 6 |
| 210 | /1000-0 | KEY ROYAL (A Duffield) G Calvert 4-8-7 | D Nicholls 1 |
| 211 | 12311-4 | MEIKLEOUR (CD) (Mrs A Leggatt) J Fitzgerald 6-8-2 | G Duffield 9 |
| 212 | 033000 | GLENHAWK (D) (Express Newspapers) M Ryan 9-8-1 | P Robinson 3 |

1984: Dodgy Future 4-8-7 M Wigham (9-2) S Mellor 8 ran.

9-4 Maldoror, 3 Marooned, 11-2 Temple Bar, 6 Meikleour, 9 K Battery, 12 Old Hubert, 16 Glenhawk, 20 others.

FORM: **MALDOROR** (8-3) had Temple Bar (8-2) ½l back in 3rd when Newmarket winner (1m 2f, £4,898, good to firm, May 4, 9 ran). Earlier TEMPLE BAR (8-5) 1l 2nd of 1 to Pocosse (8-12) at Doncaster (1m 4f, £3,184, good to soft, Mar 21). MEIKLEOUR (8-10) was another 8½l back in 4th. K-BATTERY (9-1) was 5½l further back in 5th. MAROONED, St Ascot winner last time, previously (9-0) neck 2nd of 15 to Clanrallier (8-3), winner since, at Newmarket (1m 4f, £2,624, good, Apr 24). PEN TIGER (8-10) was 6l further back in 4th. KEY ROYAL, qwek when out of first 9 over 8f on reappearance, last season (9-0) 13l last of 5 to Circus Plume (9-0) in group 1 race here (1m 4f, £35,228, good to firm, Aug 21).
Selection: KEY ROYAL.

**3.5 YORKSHIRE CUP (Group II: £18,585: 1m 6f) (10)**

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 301 | 01/112- | OLD COUNTRY (Mrs O Abegg) L Cumani 6-9-1 | R Guest 1 |
| 302 | 44/2114- | CENTROLINE (CD) (A J Bingley Ltd) C A Bell 7-8-10 | Paul Eddery 10 |
| 303 | 4132-00 | HARLY (N Shuaib) J Dunlop 5-8-10 | L Piggott 3 |
| 304 | 13123-1 | LONGBOAT (R Hollingsworth) W Hern 4-8-10 | W Carson 9 |
| 305 | 101000/ | EDOZIEN (Mrs A Dunn) P Felgate 6-8-7 | R Cochrane 5 |
| 306 | 1004-20 | ILIUM (Hadi Al-Tajir) H Thomson Jones 4-8-7 | R Hills 6 |
| 307 | 1/1112- | MILLSIDE (S Nianchoe) H Cecil 4-8-7 | S Cauthen 4 |
| 308 | 03d0-00 | PETRIZZO (C Elliot) C Britain 4-8-7 | J Lowe 7 |
| 309 | 20/000- | SHEER HEIGHTS (F Salman) P Cole 4-8-7 | T Quinn 8 |
| 311 | 33013-3 | SPICY STORY (C) (BF) (P Mellon) I Balding 4-8-7 | Pat Eddery 2 |

1984: Band 4-8-10 W Carson (9-4 fav) W Hern 9 ran.

2 Spicy Story, 3 Longboat, 6 Old Country, 8 Millside, Harly, 10 Ilium, 14 Petrizzo, 16 others.

FORM: **OLD COUNTRY** (9-3) 4l 2nd of 7 to Gold And Ivory (8-12) in Milan (1m 4f, £41,175, heavy, Oct 21) **LONGBOAT** (8-8) had unlucky in running SPICY STORY (8-6) 2l Neckar back in 3rd when Ascot winner (2m, £15,171, good, May 1, 11 ran) PETRIZZO (8-8) was another 10¾l back in 6th and HARLY (8-11) 9th. Last season PETRIZZO (8-11) 8¾l 7th of 11 to Agent Double (8-11) at Longchamp (1m 7½l, £24,752, heavy, Oct 28). CENTROLINE (9-3) was 9½l further adrift in 9th and HARLY (9-3) last. ILIUM, 5th last time, previously (8-8) neck 2nd of 14 to Jupiter Island (8-8) at Newbury (1m 4l, £18,990, good, Apr 20). PETRIZZO (8-8) was 7th and HARLY (8-11) 9th.
Selection: OLD COUNTRY.

**3.40 NORWEST HOLST TROPHY HANDICAP (3-y-o: £12,310: 7f) (9)**

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 402 | 1400-00 | ANDROS (CD) (Mrs H Cambanis) B Hobbs 9-7 | G Baxter 9 |
| 403 | 0216-00 | GLORY OF HERA (Capt M Lamos) C Brittain 9-5 | S Cauthen 3 |
| 404 | 311100- | PENNINE WALK (C) (S Niarchos) J Tree 9-0 | Pat Eddery 1 |
| 405 | 011-12 | BRADDELLS (D) (S Heggas) J Hindley 8-9 | M Hills 5 |
| 407 | 304-310 | QUALITAIR FLYER (C) (Qualitair Engineer) K Stone 8-7 | P Robinson 8 |
| 408 | 01-2 | BULRUSH (BF) (Mrs Arpad Plesch) W Hern 8-5 | W Carson 7 |
| 411 | 11 | SCOTTISH REEL (S Weiner) M Stoute 8-5 | Paul Eddery 2 |
| 413 | 21-1 | HO MI CHINH (P Bull) M H Easterby 8-3 (5 ex) | J Lowe 6 |
| 416 | 03321-0 | THE ANDYSTAN (S Powell) J Sutcliffe 7-12 | E Johnson 4 |

1984: Don Martino 8-2 M Hills (9-1) J Hindley 12 ran.

100-30 Bulrush, 4 Braddells, 9-2 Scottish Reel, 5 Ho Mi Chinh, 7 The Andystan, 9 Qualitair Flyer, 12 Glory Of Hera, 14 others.

FORM: **BRADDELLS** (9-1) 2l 2nd of 10 to Adjanado (8-5) at Newmarket (7f, £8,584, good to firm, May 4). QUALITAIR FLYER 9th in the 2,000 Guineas, previously (8-7) 3l Haydock scorer from Thorquemada (8-1), winner since. (8f, £7,505, heavy, Apr 6, 8 ran). BULRUSH (8-5) heavily backed favourite when neck 2nd to Inishpour (7-9) at Newmarket (6f, £6,752, good to firm, May 3, 17 ran). THE ANDYSTAN (7-12) was beaten about another 7l in 12th, while ANDROS (9-7) was farther behind. Previously ANDROS (9-10) 6¾l 5th to Over The Ocean (8-11) at Newmarket (7l, £16,468, good, Apr 17, 11 ran). GLORY OF HERA (8-9) was 9th. SCOTTISH REEL, short head Ripon winner (9-5) fro Kufuma (9-0), winner since. Previously (9-0) 12l Warwick winner from Absolute Bounder (9-0) (6f, £984, heavy, Apr 9, 17 ran). HO MI CHINH (8-12) ran on for 1½l Pontefract defeat o Orchid Dancer (8-0), dual winner since, (6f, £2,729, good Apr 25, 16 ran).
Selection: SCOTTISH REEL.

**4.10 DUKE OF YORK STAKES (Group III: £15,192: 6f) (10)**

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 501 | 0200-00 | GABITAT (CD) (BF) (B) (Brian Gubby Ltd) B Gubby 7-9-8 | R Curant 6 |
| 503 | 411111- | CAPRICORN BELLE (C,D) (Maktoum Al Maktoum) L Cumani 4-9-2 | L Piggott 8 |
| 504 | 000-200 | VORVADOS (CD) (Miss F Gaffichan) M Haynes 8-9-4 | P Cook 10 |
| 505 | 00 | COWAL SHORE (A Leggat) J W Watts 4-9-0 | T Ives 3 |
| 506 | 0-61121 | GREY DESIRE (D) (M Brittain) M Brittain 5-9-0 | Pat Eddery 1 |
| 508 | 01000-0 | NOVELLO (D) (E A Berg) C Nelson 4-9-0 | P Hamblett 5 |
| 509 | 1133/12 | CHAPEL COTTAGE (C,D) (BF) (T Ramsden) M Ryan 4-8-11 | J Williams 2 |
| 511 | 2000-00 | HAPPY HANNAH (W Gredley) C Brittain 3-7-12 | W Carson 9 |
| 512 | 01202- | POLLY DANIELS (Guiborg Stud) P Cole 3-7-12 | T Quinn 4 |
| 513 | 310-200 | TAJ SINGH (A Wildenson) M Blanshard 3-7-12 | N Adams 7 |

1984: Gabitat 8-9-4 R Curant (8-1) B Gubby 10 ran.

15-8 Grey Desire, 5-2 Chapel Cottage, 9-2 Capricorn Belle, 8 Gabitat, 14 Happy Daniels, Vorvados, 16 Novello, 25 others.

CAPRICORN BELLE (8-3) 4l Milan winner from Finian's Rainbow (7f, £16,470, heavy, Nov 4, 5 ran). CHAPEL COTTAGE (8-11) 1½l 2nd of 11 to Prince Sabo (8-6) at Newmarket (5f, £15,232, good to firm, May 4). NOVELLO (8-10) was 9th. Previously CHAPEL COTTAGE (8-11) 2l Thirsk winner from GREY DESIRE (9-12), who previously had GABITAT (9-12) 7½l back in 5th when Newmarket winner (6f, £674, good, Apr 17, 9 ran). VORVADOS (9-12) was another 1½l adrift in 6th. Earlier GREY DESIRE (8-10) 15l Kempton winner from Hilton Brown (6f, £4,473, heavy, Apr 8, 10 ran). POLLY DANIELS (8-11) 4l 2nd to Park Appeal (8-11) at Newmarket (6f, £39,082, good Oct 3, 13 ran). HAPPY HANNAH (8-11) was another 6l away in 9th.
SELECTION: GREY DESIRE.

**4.40 TURN TO YORKSHIRE HANDICAP (3-y-o: £3,256: 6f) (8)**

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 603 | 11- | KENTON'S GIRL (Kenton Utdfires) J Fitzgerald 9-7 | S Cauthen 8 |
| 605 | 00-0433 | COINCIDENTAL (G Martin) M Lambert 9-5 | T Ives 2 |
| 606 | 4311-10 | PECKITTS WELL (CD) (BF) (Mrs C Geraghty) M W Easterby 9-3 | K Hodgson 3 |
| 608 | 32103-0 | ERNIE BILKO (C) (S Astaire) C Tinkler 9-0 | R Lines 5 6 |
| 610 | 13320-0 | BRAMPTON GRACE (W Wharton) W Wharton 8-11 | R Fox 5 |
| 612 | 0-02211 | ORCHID DANCER (D) (Mrs S Brook) S Norton 8-6 (7 ex) | J Lowe 4 |
| 615 | 301-023 | ROSIE DICKINS (Dickins Ltd) R Hollinshead 8-2 | W Ryan 1 |
| 617 | 130-041 | ILLINEY GIRL (D) (M B O'Toole) M Lambert 7-8 | P Burke 7 |

1984: Suse Steel 8-7 B Thomson (10-1) J Hindley 11 ran.

11-4 Illiney Girl, 7-2 Peckitts Well, 4 Orchid Dancer, 5 Coincidental, 7 Rosie Dickins, 8 Kenton' Girl, 10 others.

COINCIDENTAL (8-3) under ½l 3rd to Inishour (7-9) at Newmarket (6f, £5,753, good to firm, May 3, 17 ran). PECITTS WELL, reared and lost all chance at the start last time, previously (9-2) easy 1½l Haydock winner from Steveian (8-7). ILLINEY GIRL (8-0) 3½l away 4th and a winner since. (6f, £2,524, soft, Apr 8, 7 ran). ERNIE BILKO (9-6) 9¼l 3rd to Bollin Knight (8-7) at Doncaster (7f, £5,556, soft, Nov 15, 16 ran). ORCHID DANCER (9-6) beat Foolish Touch (10-8) 1½l at Thirsk (7f, £2,83, good to firm, May 11, 10 ran). ROSIE DICKINS, (8-5) missed break when 4½l 3rd to Duck Flight (9-0) at Chester, earlier (8-3) 1l 2nd to Philip (7-10) at Thirsk (5f, £2,201, good, Apr 20, 15 ran.).
SELECTION: COINCIDENTAL.

## SANDOWN PARK

**Going: good**

**Draw advantage: 5f, 6f, high numbers best on soft ground**

**6.10 MAY STAKES (2-y-o: £2,929: 5f) (7 runners)**

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 2 | 0 | BAKHAROFF (K Abdulla) G Harwood 9-0 | G Starkey 4 |
| 5 | 0 | GOLFLINES (P Talbot) P Mitchell 9-0 | J Matthias 6 |
| 6 | | HILLS BID (Shaikh Mohammed) B Hills 9-0 | B Thomson 1 |
| 8 | | MEET THE GREEK (P Goulandris) D Laing 9-0 | J Reid 2 |
| 9 | | NORTH KING (Elisha Holding) G Lewis 9-0 | J Mercer 7 |
| 13 | | THE SPORTSMAN (D Woollard) J Fitch-Heyes 9-0 | B Rouse 5 |
| 14 | | WALK ON ICE (J Pietronote) J Sutcliffe 9-0 | M L Thomas 3 |

1984: no corresponding meeting.

2 Bakharoff, 11-4 Hills Bird, 9-2 Walk On Ice, 6 North King, 7 Meet The Greek, 12 The Sportsman, 14 Golflines.

### Sandown selections

By Mandarin

6.10 Bakharoff. 6.40 Hawaiian Love. 7.10 Southern Dynasty. 7.40 Puccini. 8.10 Diaglyphard. 8.40 Kristana.

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6.40 Count Bertrand. 7.10 Vital Boy. 7.40 Puccini. 8.10 Diaglypard. 8.40 Kristana.

**6.40 BRIDGE APPRENTICE HANDICAP (£2,306: 1m) (15)**

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | 1013-00 | FLYHOME (BF) (C Southgate) P Cundell 4-9-10 | G Carter 7 12 |
| 2 | 2220-00 | DOUBLE QUICK TIME (Mrs W McAlpine) R Smyth 4-9-6 | – 15 |
| 5 | 24/000- | COUNT BERNARD (Mrs J Hislop) W Holden 4-9-3 | R Morse 7 3 |
| 6 | 23-0010 | PRINCESS POSSUM (D) (E Benfield) P Mitchell 4-9-2 (5 ex) | – 7 |
| 8 | 2322-00 | BABY BOY (D Howard) D Elsworth 4-8-11 | Janice Coyle 7 2 |
| 11 | 2100-03 | FAST SERVICE (D) (Mrs J Jackson) C Horgan 5-8-8 | T Godden 7 14 |
| 13 | 040u22 | HAWAIIAN LOVE (BF) (Sheikh Mohammed) J Cechanowski 4-8-7 | R Boucher 7 11 |
| 14 | 340211- | QUEEN'S ROYALE (D) (D Woollard) J Fitch-Heyes 10-8-5 | P Moss 13 |
| 15 | 0000-00 | PRONUPTIA BRIDE (D) (E Young) D Dale 4-8-4 | – 4 |
| 16 | 2140-02 | BALMACARA (BF) (P Fielden) P Fielden 4-8-3 | A Roper 5 |
| 17 | 000/0-0 | LAUGHING LAD (B) (G Wragg) G Wragg 5-8-3 | S Bride 7 |
| 18 | 004000- | DERBY DAY (N Spreadbury) D A Wilson 4-8-2 | G Landau 9 |
| 19 | 0340000- | ENSYAR DAN (D Lorimer-Roberts) D Jermy 5-7-10 | J Kennedy 3 |
| 20 | 20/0' | TOURNAMENT LEADER (D Marks) D Marks 5-7-10 | K Radcliffe 3 |
| 21 | 000080- | MONTICELLI (Mrs C Brittain) C Britain 5-7-9 | S Carroll 7 10 |

7-2 Fast Service, 4 Balmacara, 5 Hawaiian Love, 13-2 Flyhome, 7 Princess Possum, 8 Baby Boy, 10 Laughing Lad, 12 Queen's Royale, 14 others.

**7.10 MILLER INSURANCE GROUP HANDICAP (£3,272: 1m 6f) (17)**

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 2 | 21d9-22 | VITAL BOY (CD) (J Thodey) J Winter 4-9-10 | L Piggott 9 |
| 4 | 00330-0 | MACMILLION (T McCarthy) Mrs B Waring 5-8-8 | – 3 |
| 5 | 01-1204 | REDGEFIELD (R Doughty) D Thom 7-9-7 | G Starkey 1 |
| 6 | 0231-01 | IN THE SHADE (C Harper) D Elsworth 4-8-8 (5 ex) | Pat Eddery 7 |
| 7 | 4041-6 | TROYENNE (D) (BF) (Sir R McAlpine) G Wragg 4-8-5 | S Cauthen 12 |
| 8 | 000/0-0 | CASTELNAU (B Jacoby) J Sutcliffe 7-8-4 | – 11 |
| 9 | 004-341 | SOCKS UP (R Houghton) R Houghton 8-8-0 | D Price 5 16 |
| 10 | 3300-24 | BOCCOLA LAD (E Hill) C Benstead 4-8-0 | B Rouse 2 |
| 11 | 0341-11 | BEAUTIFY (Mrs Barnett) P Mitchell 4-9-0 (5 ex) | M Hastriss 8 |
| 12 | 40430-0 | WHISKEY EYES (H Pirie) S Mellor 4-8-12 | M Wigham 13 |
| 13 | 030131/ | NOSTER PUER (C) (R Allan) D Elsworth 5-8-10 | D Brown 7 4 |
| 14 | 0-03000 | WIDD (T Mills) D Mills 8-8-8 | B Crossley 17 |
| 15 | 00000-0 | MALEK (P Terry) Mrs B Waring 5-8-3 | J Williams 10 |
| 17 | 0000-23 | FOREWARN (Hat Records Ltd) R Akehurst 4-8-1 | C Rutter 5 6 |
| 18 | 0033-00 | LOVE WALKED IN (Whitting Commodities) W Holden 4-8-0 | R Morse 7 4 |
| 20 | 3000/00 | RIG STEEL (R Robbins) P Cundell 5-7-11 | A McGlone 5 |
| 21 | 002200- | WATER DRAGON (D Mills) D Mills | R Still 15 |

7-2 Southern Dynasty, 4 Vital Boy, 5 Troyenne, Forewarn, 6 In The Shade, 8 Boccola Lad, 10 Ridgefield, 12 Socks Up, 14 Whiskey Eyes, 16 others.

**7.40 BERRYLANDS HANDICAP (3-y-o: £2,929: 5f) (10)**

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 4 | 13000-0 | LILY OF FRANCE (B) (D) (Dorothea Viscountess Kelburn) D Laing 9-7 | Pat Eddery 3 |
| 5 | 100- | LA TUERTA (D) (Mrs R Kennard) P Walwyn 8-5 | J Mercer 6 |
| 6 | 0-12341 | DUCK FLIGHT (D) (R Dunsdon) J Douglas-Home 9-4 (7 ex) | S Cauthen 4 |
| 7 | 1242211- | TYROLLE (D) (Lady O'Kelly (Sir Gordon)) N Vigors 9-3 | S Dawson 3 1 |
| 8 | 30-120 | PADDYSTOWN (R Lambert) P Cundell 9-2 | L Piggott 9 |
| 10 | 1-00 | GREEN SPIRIT (D) (R Green) M Jarvis 9-0 | B Raymond 7 |
| 11 | 00-0221 | PUCCINI (A Donaldson) R Armstrong 8-12 (7 ex) | W Carson 10 |
| 12 | 01-03 | PERFECT TIMING (D) (R Vines) D Elsworth 8-11 | B Rouse 5 |
| 14 | 420-004 | SUSANGUS (D) (P Ashmore) W O'Gorman 8-5 | M L Thomas 2 |
| 16 | 00-4003 | HOKUSAN (G Steinberg) K Ivory 7-10 | R Street 8 |

3 Puccini, 7-2 Susangus, 9-2 Perfect Timing, 5 Duck Flight, 11-2 Tyrolle, 13-2 Hokusan, 12 Paddystown, 16 others.

**8.10 BLACKBIRD STAKES (3-y-o: £3,411: 1m) (11)**

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | 1 | DIAGLYPHARD (J Johnson) M Stoute 9-4 | L Piggott 8 |
| 4 | 000-411 | HASS LAD (S Hunt) D Laing 9-2 | Pat Eddery 6 |
| 6 | 200-1 | SOON TO BE (Pyle Bros Ltd) Peter Taylor 8-13 | D McKay 10 |
| 8 | 4- | ALAMDAR (H H Aga Khan) M Stoute 8-11 | K Bradshaw 5 1 |
| 10 | | BRUSHWOOD (Sheikh Mohammed) B Hills 8-11 | B Thomson 9 |
| 11 | | COLONEL POPSKI (Lt Col N Friese) G Wragg 8-11 | B Crossley 9 |
| 13 | 0-04 | FUSILIER (R Richards) C Britain 8-11 | P Robinson 4 |
| 14 | 0 | GRAND CASINO (J Pearce) G Wragg 8-11 | J Reid 11 |
| 15 | 0 | GRAND PAVOIS (BF) (D Wildenstein) H Cecil 8-11 | S Cauthen 5 |
| 19 | 032- | PATRICIAN (C Winfield) J Dunlop 8-11 | W Carson 2 |
| 23 | 0 | VIGOROUS (Sheikh Ali Abu Khamsin) J Winter 8-11 | A Mackay 3 |

13-8 Diaglyphard, 7-4 Grand Pavois, 8 Fusilier, 12 Habs Lad, 16 Brushwood, Patrlach, 20 Soon To Be, 25 others.

**8.40 GOLF CLUB MAIDEN FILLIES STAKES (3-y-o: £1,370: 1m 2f) (21)**

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | 0- | ALSIBA (H Al-Maktoum) C Benstead 8-11 | B Rouse 15 |
| 2 | 00-0 | ATTAVANTE (Baroness H Thyssen) D Arbuthnot 8-11 | J Reid 7 |
| 3 | 0- | BIRD BRAIN (B) (Equine Developments) B Hobbs 8-11 | A Barclay 12 |
| 4 | 03 | BUY G'S (G Shropshire) J Winter 8-11 | A Mackay 9 |
| 5 | 0 | CRETA (Slype Wood Stud) N Vigors 8-11 | S Dawson 8 6 |
| 6 | 00- | CRIMSON LADY (Lord Porchester) W Hern 8-11 | W Carson 10 |
| 7 | 200- | EDELEAU (F Gouldsmith) D Laing 8-11 | A Mathews 17 |
| 8 | 2- | FALSE FRONT (J Tree) J Tree 8-11 | Pat Eddery 21 |
| 11 | 0- | GEM MART (R Bonnycastle) B Hills 8-11 | B Thomson 11 |
| 12 | 0- | HEIGHT OF PASSION (Broughton Homes) M Jarvis 8-11 | B Raymond 18 |
| 15 | | KETTRINA (B Hamoud) G Huffer 8-11 | M Rimmer 8 |
| 16 | 3-0 | KIRSTINA (B Hamoud) G Huffer 8-11 | G Carter 5 14 |
| 18 | 0 | LISMORE (A Strothers) J Dunlop 8-11 | L Piggott 14 |
| 19 | 0- | LYRA (Mrs E Longton) M Smyly 8-11 | J Matthias 20 |
| 22 | | MING DELIGHT (J Haversnais) B Hanbury 8-11 | – 13 |
| 23 | | MYNA (Sir P Oppenheimer) G Wragg 8-11 | P Robinson 4 |
| 24 | | NARWALIA (H H Aga Khan) M Stoute 8-11 | K Bradshaw 5 1 |
| 25 | 4-3 | OEUR NOIRE (S Niarchos) H Cecil 8-11 | S Cauthen 19 |
| 26 | 0 | REVISIT (Lord Derby) J Winter 8-11 | R Cochrane 2 |
| 27 | 020- | RICURA (K Abdulla) F Durr 8-11 | G Starkey 16 |
| | 0 | ROMFAEA (C Karpidas) P Walwyn 8-11 | J Mercer 5 |

9-4 Oeuf Noire, 3 Kristana, 6 False Front, 8 Lismore, 12 Crinoline, Namala, 16 Attavante, Ricura, 20 others.

### Brighton results

2.15 (6f) 1, MAJOR'S REVIEW (R Wernham, 9-1); 2, Party Dress (P Cook, 2-1 fav); 3, Tricance (N Adams, 20-1); 4, Vibrocrew Boy (A McGlone, 10-1). ALSO RAN: 100-30 Royalan, 10 Delaware River, 12 Darling Daughter (5th), Ironbone Lady, 14 Lean Streak (6th), 20 Greetown Lady, Polly's Teahouse, 25 Tarrakan, 33 Distant Dream. My Demerarra, Mellyre Lee, Salla Thims. 18 ran. 1½l, ¾l, ¾l, ¼l, ¾l. McCourt at Wantage. TOTE: £8.60: £2.40, £1.40, £2.90, £1.20. DF: £13.90. CSF: £28.11. TRICAST: £344.76.

2.45 (1m 4f) 1, ABERFIELD (Gay Kelleway, 9-2); 2, Polly Hill (P Cook, 11-4 fav); 3, Clearly Best (W Woods, 4-1). ALSO RAN: 100-30 Get the Message, 11-2 Sugar Palm (5th), 33 Profit Warrant (4th), 50 Mr Carrotcious (6th). 7 ran. ¼l, hd, 4l, 2l, nk. P Kelleway at Newmarket. TOTE: £4.20: £2.50, £1.30. DF: 4.50. CSF: £16.46.

3.15 (1m 2f) 1, CROISSANT DE LUXE (R Hills, 16-1); 2, Best (A Barclay 12-1); 3, Romiosini (P Bradwell 7-2). ALSO RAN: 5-2 fav F Sharp, 5 Captain Flashman (4th), 8 Just Candid, 12 Grand Occasion, 14 Southern Storm (5th), Tap Lightly, 16 Northern Hope, Gambart (6th), 20 Rock On Dee, 33, ½l, hd, 3l, 2l. H Thompson Jones at Newmarket. TOTE: £18.20: £3.30, £1.80, £2.80. DF: £170.10. CSF: £183.54. After a stewards enquiry the result remained unaltered.

3.45 (1m) 1, GREEK BANKER (P Waldron, 10-1); 2, Dallas Smith (G Dirfield, 8-1); 3, Chances Are (M Miller, 9-4 fav). ALSO RAN: 7-2 Jody's Boy (6th), 4 Nicala, 8 Fair Elean

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## BIRTHS

**AUGUST.** On May 14th to Lillias (nee Hartley) and Adrian in London, a son, Thomas.

**BIAGIONI.** – On May 2, 1985, to Linda (nee Wade) and Ron a son – David.

**FOX.** – On May 14th, at Banbury Hospital, to Elspeth (nee Vavasour) and Paul, a daughter Miranda Jane a sister for Oriana and Miles.

**FUNNELL.** – On May 13th to Gaynor (née Boynton) and John, the gift of a daughter (Georgina Mary).

**GABRIEL.** – On May 14, 1985, at the Rosie Maternity Hospital, Cambridge, to Alison (nee Waycott) and Simon, a beautiful son – Jonathan Anthony Waycott.

**HARPER.** – On May 8, 1985, to Sally (nee Newton) and David, a daughter – Natalie May.

**HOLLAND.** – On Monday May 13, 1985, at St Bartholomew's Hospital, to Alexandra (nee Waycott) and Clive, a son (Ben James Charles).

**JACKLIN** – at 09.57 on Tuesday, 14th May, 1985, at Dulwich Hospital, London, To Bryony (nee Chappell) and Martin, a son, Christopher James Oscar Lloyd. Thanks for the gentle kindness of the Nursing Staff.

**KEBLE-WHITE.** – On May 8th, at Cape Charlotte, to Jo (nee Brooks) and Kim, a daughter, Kara, a sister for Max.

**LAZARUS.** – On May 13, to Jane (nee Kinderslay) and Bill a son, Theodorus James, a brother to Nicholas.

**LING.** On May 6th to Georgina (nee Garnett) and Edward, a daughter (Natalie Emmeline).

**MEEHAN** – On May 14th at Mt. Alvernia, to Susan (nee Aldridge) and Andrew, a son.

**MIDDLEY** – On May 6th, to Heather (nee White) and Martin, a son (Martin Benjamin).

**ROBINSON** – On 28th April, to Radha and Nick, a son, James Edward Martyn.

**ROTHSCHILD.** – On May 14, 1985, to Anita (nee Cuinness) and Anschel, a son.

**ROWLATT.** On May 11th to Susan (nee Balsdon) and Brian a son Richard Anthony Stuart.

**STEVENSON.** On May 8, 1985, at Kings College Hospital to Sheila and George-Paul, a daughter – Saskia Kathleen Francesca. Deo Gratias.

**SUMMERSCALE.** On Sunday, May 12, 1985, at the Princess Alexandra Hospital, Harlow, to Pauline and David, a son, Tristan, brother to Emily.

**WHITEHEAD.** – On May 8, 1985, to Liz (nee Derrick) and David, a daughter – Jennifer Charlotte.

## BIRTHDAYS

**JESSICA** – Three years old today! Many happy returns and Love from father – Michael Lenihan.

**STODDART.** – Loving greetings to Jude on her 18th birthday. From Dad, Mum, Matt & Chas.

## MARRIAGES

**MOHAMMED.** – Taher El Sayed: Ennie. The marriage took place in Cairo on April 14th between Dr Adel Mohammed Taher El Sayed, son of Professor and Mrs Mohammed Taher El Sayed of Garden City, Cairo and Miss Carolyn Wortendyke Ennie, daughter of Mr Howard T Ennis of Kaplox British Columbia and Mrs Dudley Charles Goddard, The Old Forge, East Grinstead, Sussex.

**MUSCI–HOLMES** – In Turin, on Saturday 11th May 1985, Dr Franco Musci of Corso Trapani, 30, Turin to Jocelyn Ann, daughter of Mr & Mrs Jack Holmes, Drumhead, Cardross, Scotland.

## DEATHS

**ANDERSON** – On 14th May, at Cambridge, Alan Brock Anderson, F.R.C.S., L.R.C.P. Born in Adelaide, South Australia, 1902. Formerly on the Staff of St. Bartholomew's Hospital. Funeral: Cambridge Crematorium. Monday 20th May, at 4.30pm.

**ARBER,** Jack – Peacefully on May 10th, beloved husband of Margaret and father of John, Laurence and Lorraine. Funeral on May 17th, 3.30pm at South Essex Crematorium, Carnarvon Road, Corbets Tey, Upminster.

**BALL.** – on May 14, peacefully in Bromley Hospital, Grace Olive Ball, beloved wife of C. S. Ball, mother of Maureen, Mabel and Martin. Funeral at St James' Church, Bromley End, Brasted, on Monday May 20, 2.30, followed by Committal at Forest Hill Old Cemetery.

**BRIGGS.** – On May 11, 1985, suddenly, Capt Denis Briggs, D.F.C., Bart.; aged 68 years. Dearly loved husband of Diana of Findon, Sussex and dear father of Mary and Robin. Service at Findon Parish Church on Monday, May 20 at 12 noon. Inquiries to N. D. Tribe Ltd., Broadwater, Worthing 34511.6.

**CAMERON,** Hugh Keith – On May 13, 1985, suddenly but peacefully at home. Hugh Keith, husband of Cecile and father of David and Peter. Cremation private. No flowers or letters.

**CHIODETTI.** – On May 14, 1985, peacefully, at home, Mary Chiodetti, loving mother of Mary (with Chito) and grandmother of Alexander and Benedict. Funeral service at Crondall Parish Church, Tuesday, May 21 at 11.15 am, followed by private cremation. No flowers by her request, please, but donations if desired may be sent to Phyllis Tuckwell Hospice, Farnham, Surrey, or Cancer Research Campaign.

**CRICHTON-STUART.** – On May 4, 1985, at Dumfries Infirmary after a short illness, Selina widow of Lord Rhidian Crichton-Stuart and mother of Fredrik, Margot and Niall. The funeral was held privately in Dumfries RIP.

**DELAFIELD.** – On May 13th 1985, Geoffrey Everard, peacefully in his sleep at Graylingwell Hospital, Chichester, after a long illness Borne, with typical fortitude. Interment of ashes at St Peter's, West Wittering, at 3 pm on Wednesday, May 22nd. Family flowers, but donations if desired, to the Royal British Legion Lodge branch, Hampshire. All enquiries to L.F. Linton & Son, Midhurst 3264.

**GUDGEON.** – On May 13, 1985, peacefully at Eastbourne, Donald John, Lt Cmdr RN (ret'd). Beloved husband of the late Brenda and loved father of John, Lyn, Stephen and Elizabeth, and a much loved grandfather. No flowers, please, but if desired donations to King George's Fund for Sailors, c/o 1, Chesham Street, London SW1.

**J. C. HARRISON** – Artist. 1898-1985. John Christ Harrison, beloved of Frederica, father of Robin & Josephine. Now with a gathering of angels. May 17, 3.30 pm. Memorial Service will be announced for June.

**HENSON** – Peacefully, on May 14th, aged 81, Helen Menzies, wife of the late Brigadier Robert Henson, MC, formerly of East Manse, Drymen Funeral at Mortlake Crematorium, Park Crematorium, on Tuesday, May 21st at 3.30pm.

**INNES.** – On May 15, 1985, Dom Benet, Monk of Downside, aged 72. Funeral Downside Abbey. Saturday May 18 at 2.30 pm. RIP.

**KINNAKER** – On May 14th, peacefully at her home, Violet Lyndall, aged 93, of The Old Racecourse, Abbotsham, near Bideford, widow of the late Sidmore Ashby and Octavius Kinnaker. Beloved sister of Edward, Ernest and Frank, loved by all who knew her. Private Funeral takes place at Abbotsham Church, on Monday 20th May. No flowers by request.

**MACKENZIE–THOMAS** – On May 13th 1985, peacefully in a Bath Hospital, Joan, Prelove, of John Street Court, Bath. Loved mother of Peter and Susan and much loved grandmother of Belinda and Tim. Service at Nunney, Somerset, Crematorium, Bath, on Monday May 20th at 3.40pm. Family flowers only, but donations may be sent for The Chest Unit R.U.H., to Jolly's Funeral Directors, 13 Milsom Street, Bath.

**MATTHEWS.** – On May 13, peacefully at Royal Masonic Hospital, Ellen, aged 88 years, widow of Cecil (Tim) Matthews, of Ealing. Much loved mother of Tony, Pat and John. Funeral to be held on Monday, May 20, at South Ealing Cemetery, 2 pm. All enquiries to W. S. Bond Ltd, 19 Bond Street, Ealing W5. Tel: 567 0422.

**MEINIER.** – On May 9, 1985, peacefully in hospital André-Paul. Funeral service at St James Church, Spanish Place on Friday May 17 at 10.00 am followed by private cremation. Memorial service to be announced later.

**PERRY** – On May 12th 1985, peacefully Helen Alice Laura of 11 Hampton Road, Oswestry. Much loved widow of Roland, mother and grandmother. Funeral at Oswestry Parish Church on Tuesday May 21st, at 1.30pm. No flowers, donations to British Heart Foundation.

**PETROCOKINO.** – On May 13, 1985, peacefully at Tarley Garth, Paul, beloved husband of Madeline Spafford, aged 75. Funeral Tarporley Parish Church. 2 pm Tuesday May 21.

**PHILLIPS** – On May 10, 1985 peacefully at Chessington Hospital, Surrey, Margaret Phillips, OBE, aged 93 years. Formerly Principal of Northwick Training College, South London. Funeral at St Leonards Church, Bledington, Oxon, on Friday May 17, at 2pm. Flowers may be sent to W. A. Trustove and Son Ltd. 31 High Street, Cheam.

**RATHBONE** – On 12th May 1985, Lenore, formerly of Ocden, Birchstead, widow of Paul, mother of Jonathan and Charles. Further enquiries to Broadbents of Southport Ltd. Tel: Southport 36282.

## DEATHS

**SANDERS.** Charles Craven. Peacefully at home in Guernsey, Husband of Marjorie, father of Robert and Benita. Funeral at 4 o'clock on 17th May at Le Foulon Crematorium, Guernsey.

**SCHALIT.** – On May 10, 1985, Lionel Leonid Schalit. Suddenly and peacefully. Dearly mourned by his dearly loved wife, Cecilia, dear sister Anna and Lydia, Cousins and Uncle Charles Stanmore. F/Lt Royal Air Force VR. Murdered 29th March 1945, Flossenberg. "Dieter Gloria Soli Deo"

**SIMPSON.** On Sunday 12th May 1985, Rita Florence Simpson of 7 Holtvale Drive, Bromley, peacefully. Dearly loved, dearly missed by her husband and family. Service at Mither Green Crematorium on Wednesday, 22nd May at 2 pm. Inquiries and flowers to Private Chapel, Funeral Directors, 332 Croydon Road, Farnborough (Kent). Tel Farnborough 53777.

**STANDRING.** – On May 13, 1985, at Moreton-in-Marsh. Dearly. Service at St Lukes Church, Moreton-in-Marsh on Friday May 24 at 3.30 pm.

**STOCKEN.** – On May 12, 1985, in Hammersmith Hospital, Yvonne Thatsya of London W14, aged 85 years. Funeral at Mortlake Crematorium at 1.30 pm May 20.

**STOKES.** Evelyn Phyllis, peacefully, at Caterham, on May 13, 1985, in her 81st year, will be sadly missed by children, step-children, grandchildren, great grandchildren and friends in England, Germany and Australia. Requiem mass will be celebrated at church of the Sacred Heart Woodcote Rd., Caterham, 12 noon, Friday, May 17, 1985. Followed by interment. Family flowers only to B. C. Baker & Son, 15/17 High Street, Caterham. Donations to Handicapped Children's Pilgrimage Trust, 119 Westmead Rd, Sutton.

**STOOKE.** – On May 14, 1985, peacefully in hospital, Dr John Graham Stooke of East Ferlochan, Barcaldine, by Connel, Argyll.

**WALKER.** – On May 11, 1985, at home, Group Captain Phil Walker, OBE., RAF (ret'd), dearly loved by his wife Audrey, and daughters Penny and Anne.

**YOUNG.** On May 16th, 1985, peacefully in hospital, Alison Mary of Lewes, beloved sister, aunt and great aunt. Service at St Anne's Church, Lewes, on Thursday, May 23rd at 12 noon. Cremation. Private. No flowers please.

## MEMORIAL SERVICES

**UHLMAN** A Memorial Concert and Readings for Fred Uhlman will be held at St John's Church, Downshire Hill, London NW3 at 3.30 on Saturday, 1st June.

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# Today's television and radio programmes

Summaries by Peter Dear and Peter Davalle

## BBC 1

**6.00** Ceefax AM.

**6.50** Breakfast Time with Frank Bough and Sue Cook. Weather at 6.55, 7.25, 7.55, 8.25 and 8.55 regional news, weather and traffic 6.57, 7.27, 7.57 and 8.27; national and international news at 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30 and 9.00; sport at 7.20, 7.45 and 8.20; Julian Critchley reviews the morning newspapers at 8.37. Plus, a report from teenager, Zoe Brown; Glynn Christian with a recipe; and Richard Smith's 'phone-in surgery. The guest is Liv Ullmann.

**9.20** Ceefax. **10.30** Play School, presented by Brian Cant with guests Elizabeth Millbank and Cleo Sylvestre. The story is The Old Watchmaker (r) 10.50 Interval.

**10.55** Cricket: Benson and Hedges Cup. Peter West introduces coverage of one of today's 55 overs-a-side games. The commentators are Richie Benaud and Jim Laker with expert opinion from Tom Graveney and, making his first working appearance in the commentary box, Bob Willis (continued at 1.55 on this channel and on 3.50 on BBC 2. Highlights of the game can be seen on BBC 2 at 10.00).

**1.20** News After Noon with Frances Coverdale and Moira Stuart. The weather details come from Michael Fish. **1.37** Regional news (London and SE only: Financial report followed by news headlines with subtitles) **1.40** Camberwick Green. A See-Saw programme for the very young (r).

**1.55** Cricket. Further coverage of a Benson and Hedges 55-overs-a-side game. **3.53** Regional news (not London).

**3.55** Mop and Smiff. Adventures of a sheepdog and a tabby cat. With the voices of Prunella Scales and Timothy West. **4.10** Ivor the Engine (r). **4.15** Jigsaw. Entertaining word game series (r).

**4.30** Bananaman. Cartoon adventures of a special type of hero (r). **4.35** Dogtanian and the Three Muskehounds. Animated adventures. **4.55** John Craven's Newsround.

**5.05** Blue Peter reports from the latest time capsule at Gateshead's Open Air Museum (Ceefax).

**5.35** Dr Kildare. The second and final part of the story concerning Kildare's old friend who needs surgery (r).

**6.00** News with Sue Lawley and Nicholas Witchell. Weather.

**6.35** London Plus.

**7.00** EastEnders. Dr Legg is again called round to attend to the ailing Lou while Den and Angie discuss Sharon and their future (Ceefax).

**7.30** Tomorrow's World, Peter Macann, Maggie Philbin, Howard Stableford and Judith Hann present some of the latest developments in the world of science and technology.

**7.55** Top of the Pops presented by Peter Powell and Gary Davies.

**8.30** The Lenny Henry Show. Comedy series with guests who include Frank Bruno, Rik Mayall and UB 40 (r).

**9.00** News with Julia Somerville. Weather.

**9.25** Matt Houston. The millionaire detective, investigating the brutal murder of one of his employees, uncovers a web of drugs, gambling and organised crime.

**10.15** Question Time. Donald MacCormick's panel consists of Sir Peter Parker, Baroness Seear and MPs Edward du Cann and Tony Blair.

**11.15** The Learning Machine. Tim O'Shea, lecturer in educational technology at the Open University, weighs the arguments for and against technological studies at school.

**11.40** Weather.

## TV-am

**6.15** Good Morning Britain presented by Anne Diamond and Nick Owen. News with Gordon Honeycombe at 6.15, 6.30, 6.45, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30 and 9.00; sport at 6.39 and 7.37; exercises at 6.50 and 9.19; consumer spot tackles council housing at 7.15; Popeye cartoon at 7.23; pop video at 7.54; film reviews at 8.40; and Babytalk discussing clinging children at 9.05.

## ITV/LONDON

**9.25** Thames news headlines. **9.30** For Schools: Tasting the Sinclair C5. **9.48** Junior Maths: changing the rules. **10.06** The importance of trees in nature's life-cycle. **10.23** Religious education within the family. **10.43** Sex education: courtship and intercourse. **11.02** Maths: ordinals. **11.14** Stereotypes turn the tables. **11.34** Animals that could harm humans.

**11.55** Rub a Dub Dub. Updated version of an old nursery rhyme. **12.00** Foxtales. Peter Davison with the puppet story, Fox and Buns. **12.10** Moonset and Co with guest Pam Ayres (r). **12.30** The Sullivans.

**1.00** News at One with Leonard Parkin. Weather. **1.20** Thames news from Robin Houston. **1.30** Falcon Crest. **2.25** Home Cookery Club. The recipe for Cod 'n' Cider Bake.

**2.30** Play It Again. Tony Bilbow talks to Derek Griffiths who chooses clips from his favourite films and talks about his career. **3.00** Take the High Road. Drama serial set in the Scottish highland estate of Glendarroch. **3.25** Thames News headlines. **3.30** Sons and Daughters.

**4.00** Foxtales. A repeat of the programme shown at noon. **4.15** Crystal Tipps and Alistair. **4.20** Wonders in Letterland. Debbie is in the land of 'V'. **4.45** First Post Special. The Look-in Star Awards and Children's ITV Club Awards.

**5.15** Thames Sport. The managers of Manchester United and Everton preview Saturday's FA Cup final between their two clubs.

**5.45** News with Carol Barnes **6.00** Thames news.

**6.25** Help! Viv Taylor Gee with news for people who may qualify for the Invalid Care Allowance.

**6.35** Crossroads. New business comes the garage's way, while Paul Ross takes possession of his cottage.

**7.00** Emmerdale Farm. Alan Turner finds he is not welcome at the new NY Estates Social Club.

**7.30** Knight Rider. Another case for the crime-fighting Michael Knight and his computerised, talking vehicle, KITT.

**8.30** Miss England, Miss Scotland, Miss Wales. Anne Diamond and Peter Marshall are the hosts at the Royalty Theatre in London where 18 hopefuls line-up for the national beauty titles. The musical interlude is provided by Wall Street Crash.

**9.30** TV Eye: Paid to Kill the Pope? A dramatic reconstruction of the interrogation in a Rome prison of Mehmet Ali Agca, the terrorist who shot the Pope.

**10.00** News at Ten with Sandy Gall and Martyn Lewis.

**10.30** Shelley. The idle layabout discovers British phlegm when he is in a crowded tube train that is stuck in a tunnel (r).

**11.00** Parents and Teenagers. Dramatised series exploring the problem faced by parents and teenagers.

**11.30** Film: Face of a Stranger" (1964) starring Jeremy Kemp as an ex-prisoner who has to tell his cell-mate's blind wife that her husband has to serve another three months. Directed by John Moxey.

**12.35** Night Thoughts.



Nada: Global Report on BBC 2, 7.50pm

● NADA (BBC 2, 7.50pm) is a *Global Report* with a global message: when it seems there's only the mud to stare at, the stars are still up there, twinkling. In other words, there's always hope, though you have to admit that for Nada (the name, Spanish for nothing, was clearly not chosen at random), the cruelly abused Colombian mother searching for her missing children through the shanty-towns of Bogotá, hope is a commodity in short supply. David Wheatley's film belongs to a notoriously difficult category of dramatized documentary, the story that is true in all its essentials yet is acted out by non-professionals, not playing themselves, and all of them improvizing on a given theme. It says much for Mr Wheatley's sympathetic handling of his cast that there is not a single misjudged line of dialogue in *Nada*, or an emotion that does not ring true.

● SACRED HEARTS (Channel 4, 9.30pm) will not be much liked by those Roman Catholics who prefer the Bing Crosby/Ingrid Bergman approach to the saving of young souls. The Bells of St Mary's do not ring romantically through the dark corridors of Barbara Rennie's East Anglian convent school for girls. If the establishment had a motto, it would be Thou Shalt Not – a rule that applies with equal vigour to surreptitiously listening to *I'm in the Mood for Love* on the radio, taking a naked bath, touching hands, and looking into a mirror. The Mother Superior is sweetly dotty, and her right-hand nun is a ramrod-stiff tyrant. The war against Hitler, being fought outside the convent walls, is nothing compared to the war against the Devil, being fought inside them. Miss Rennie wrote and directed *Sacred Hearts*. We don't need to take her word for it that it is based on her own wartime experiences. Nobody could possibly have invented such a grim environment and made it such a good theatre for adolescent comicality.

● Radio highlights: Giulini, with the Philharmonic forces, orchestral and choral, under his baton in Beethoven's Missa Solemnis (Radio 3, 7.40pm); and Geoff Watts's disturbing inquiry into alcohol abuse, The Message in the Bottle (Radio 4, 7.40pm) that will doubtless cut many a licensed victualler's takings for at least one night.

Peter Davalle

## CHOICE

## BBC 2

**6.30** Open University. Maths: Finding a Formula. **6.55** Science: The Periodic Table. Ends at 7.20. **9.00** Ceefax.

**9.38** Daytime on Two: Italian conversation. **9.55** The life and language of French teenagers. **10.12** Science: levers. **10.34** Fatty Patty, the story of an overweight 15-year-old girl who thinks she is the odd one out – until she is taken for a motor cycle ride by her brother's friend (ends at 10.55). **11.05** The nations bounded by the River Rhine. **11.25** Ceefax. **2.00** For the very young. **2.15** Traditional African Pottery.

**2.35** Ceefax.

**3.50** Cricket. The Benson and Hedges Cup 55-overs-a-side game, continued from BBC1.

**7.25** News Summary with subtitles.

**7.30** The Magic Paintbrush. A Chinese-made animated puppet story (r).

**7.50** Global Report. The first of a new series of five films in which dramatic stories are told by the people who were the central characters.

**9.00** Leaving. Episode three of Carla Lane's serial about Martha and Daniel, a divorced couple who keep in touch in order to keep the family situation going. Tonight they have dinner together but the meal does not go according to plan. Starring Keith Barron and Susan Hampshire (Ceefax).



Keith Barron: Leaving (BBC 2, 9.00pm)

**9.30** Alec Clifton-Taylor's English Towns. As a tribute to the late Mr Clifton-Taylor BBC2 is repeating all his programmes about the architecture of English towns beginning with the very first, on Chichester, shown seven years ago (Ceefax).

**10.00** Cricket. Peter West introduces highlights from one of today's 55-overs-a-side games in the Benson and Hedges Cup competition.

**10.50** Newsnight. **11.35** Weather.

**11.40** Open University: Weekend Outlook. **11.45** Engineering: Crates and Ale. **12.10** A Telescope in Space. Ends at 12.40.

## CHANNEL 4

**2.15** Their Lordships' House. A repeat of last night's highlights of the day's proceedings in the House of Lords.

**2.30** Channel Four Racing from York. Brough Scott introduces coverage of four races – the Davy McKee Handicap Stakes (2.35); the Yorkshire Cup (3.05); the Norwest Holst Trophy (3.40); and the Duke of York Stakes (4.10).

**4.30** Isaura the Slave Girl. Strung up, awaiting a whipping, Isaura and a fellow slave, Andrea, are rescued by Isaura's father, Miguel, and they escape to the comparative safety of a remote house, thanks to the kindness of Carmen. Followed by Fantastico. A celebration of the sights, sounds and music of modern Brazil.

**5.30** Film: Lancer Spy" (1937) starring George Sanders. First World War spy drama with Sanders playing a British naval officer who takes the place of a captured German officer in order to gain access to Germany's war plans. With Dolores Del Rio and Peter Lorre. Directed by Gregory Ratoff.

**7.00** Channel Four News.

**7.50** Comment. With a personal view of a matter of topical importance is nature conservationist, Ian Carstairs. Weather.

**8.00** Mirror Image – Barclay James Harvest. The durable group in concert before a crowd of 8,000 at the Wembley Arena. In the 20 years of its existence the band has had only one change of personnel.

**9.00** The Bright Side. Part two of the comedy drama starring Paula Wilcox as Cynthia Bright, the wife of an inmate of a comfortable open prison, who has trouble in adapting to the role of prisoner's wife. With Paul Copley as her husband and Geoffrey Hughes as Mr Lithgow, a warder.

**9.30** Film: Sacred Hearts (1984) starring Anna Massey, Katrin Cartlidge and Oona Kirsch. A comedy drama based on the film's writer/director Barbara Rennie's experiences of life in a convent orphanage at the outbreak of the Second World War. (see Choice).

**11.10** The Unrepeatable 'Who Dares Wins . . . '. This first in a series of repeated highlights from the successful comedy series first shown last summer stars Julia Hills, Rory McGrath, Jimmy Mulville, Philip Pope and Tony Robinson in comedy sketches that range from the bizarre to the black.

**11.40** Are You Taking the Tablets? Claire Rayner joins the regular panel members, Sister Monica Butler and John Rowling with 20 young people, to discuss the commandment, Honour Thy Father and Thy Mother.

**12.05** Their Lordships' House. Highlights of the day's proceedings at the House of Lords on the Government's Bill to abolish the GLC and six metropolitan authorities.

**12.20** Closedown.

## Radio 4

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**5.55** Shipping Forecast. **6.00** News Briefing; Weather. **6.10** Farming Today. **6.25** Prayer for the Day.

**6.30** Today, including **6.30, 7.30, 8.30** News Summary. **6.45** Business News. **6.55, 7.55** Weather. **7.00, 8.00** Today's News. **7.25, 8.25** Sport. **7.45** Thought for the Day. **8.35** Yesterday in Parliament. **8.57** Weather; Travel.

**9.00** News.

**9.05** Checkpoint. Roger Cook investigates listeners' experience of sharp practice.

**9.30** The Living World.

**10.00** News, Medicine Now with Geoff Watts.

**10.30** Morning Story: 'Minnie's Flowery Future' by Stanley Seaton.

**10.45** An Act of Worship reflecting issues of the day †.

**11.00** News; Travel; Analysis: 'The Unpromised Land' – David Wheeler examines new ideas for negotiations on the Israeli-occupied West Bank.

**11.48** One Man and His Dog. A walk along the Pennine Way.

**12.00** News; You and Yours. Consumer affairs with Pattie Coldwell.

**12.27** After Henry. Comedy series starring Prunella Scales. **12.55** Weather.

**1.00** The World a One: News.

**1.40** The Archers. **1.55** Shipping Forecast.

**2.00** News; Woman's Hour. The sick buildings syndrome. A Karen Deco inquiry.

**3.00** News; The Afternoon Play. 'Watching Walters' by Rona Munro †.

**4.00** News; Holy Communion on Ascension Day from All Souls Church, Langham Place, London†.

**4.40** Story Time: 'The Past is Myself' by Christabel Bielenberg (9). Reader Ann Morrish.

**5.00** PM: News magazine. **5.50** Shipping Forecast. **5.55** Weather.

**6.00** The Six O'Clock News; Financial Report.

**6.30** Brain of Britain 1985. A nationwide general knowledge contest †.

**7.00** News.

**7.05** The Archers.

**7.20** Any Answers? John Timpson with listeners' letters.

**7.40** The Message in the Bottle. Geoff Watts examines the costly consequences of our excessive drinking and discusses ways of tackling alcohol abuse.

**9.00** Does he take Sugar? Magazine of special interest to disabled people.

**9.30** Ian Siddmore links recordings from the BBC Sound Archives.

**9.45** Kaleidoscope. Arts magazine.

**10.15** A Book at Bedtime: 'My Uncle Silas' – eight short stories by H. E. Bates (2) 'The Revelation'.

**10.29** Weather.

**10.30** The World Tonight, incl **11.00** Headlines.

**11.15** The Financial World Tonight.

**11.30** Today in Parliament.

**12.00** News; Weather. **12.33** Shipping. VHF (available in England and S Wales only) as above except: **5.55-6.00am** Weather; Travel. **6.05-10.45** For Schools: **6.05** A Service for Schools. **9.25** Secondary English. **9.50** First Steps in Drama. **10.10** Playtime. **10.35** Talk to a Sports Star. **11.00-12.00** For Schools: **11.00** Noticeboard. **11.05** In the News. **11.30** Wavelength. **1.55-3.00pm** For Schools: **1.55** Listening Corner. **2.05** The Music Box. **2.20** Living Language. **2.40** Health Education. **5.50-5.55** PM (continued). **11.00** Study On 4: Groundswell. **11.30-12.00** Open University: **11.30** 17th Century England: Hobbes. **12.00** Music Interlude. **12.30-1.10am** Schools Night-Time Broadcasting: Secondary Science **12.30** The Mole Concept. **12.50** Uniformly Accelerated Motion.

## Radio 3

**6.55** Weather. **7.00** News.

**7.05** Morning Concert: C P E Bach's Symphony in G Wq 183 No 4 (ECO under Leppard); Kodaly's Dances from Kallo (Hungarian State Chorus/Hungarian SO/Vasarhelyi); Delius's Dance for harpsichord (Kipnis, harpsichord); Hummel's Septet in D Minor (Nash Ensemble) †. **8.00** News.

**8.05** Morning Concert: part two. Arne's overture No 8 in G Minor (Academy of Ancient Music/Hogwood); Field's Piano Concerto No 1 (O'Connor/New Irish CO/Furst); Masek's Six Variations for glass harmonica (Hoffmann, soloist); Elgar's Three Characteristic Pieces Op 10 (Northern Sinfonia/Manning) †. **9.00** News.

**9.05** This Week's Composer: Duke Ellington. The Ellington Orchestra play works written between 1956 and 1965. They include The Queen's Suite.†

**10.00** Tchaikovsky: The LPO under Rostropovich play the Symphony No 2.†

**10.35** Prokofiev and Scriabin: Pietro Rigacci (piano) plays Prokofiev's Nine visions fugitives Op 22, and Scriabin's Poeme Op 32 No 1: Deux Poemes, Op 63; Sonata No 9 Op 68.†

**11.05** BBC Welsh SO (under Thomson). With Cecile Ousset (piano). Part one. Daniel Jones's Symphony No 6; Saint-Saens's Piano Concerto No 2.†

**11.55** Six Continents: Foreign radio broadcasts, monitored by the BBC.

**12.15** Concert: part two. Mendelssohn's Symphony No 3. (Scottish).†1.00 News.

**1.05** Bristol Lunchtime Concert: With Ko Iwasaki (cello) and Shuka Iwasaki (piano). Stravinsky's Suite Italienne: Brahms's Sonata No 2 in F Op 99; Falla's Ritual Fire Dance.†

**2.00** The Rakes' Progress: Stravinsky's three-act opera. London Sinfonietta and Chorus are conducted by Riccardo Chailly. Principal singers: Cathryn Pope, Philip Langridge, Samuel Ramey, Sarah Walker, and Stafford Dean. Act two begins at 2.50, act three at 3.35, with interval readings in between.†

**4.40** Chopin: Rubinstein plays the Four Mazurkas Op 17.†4.55 News.

**5.00** Mainly for Pleasure: a selection of recorded music, presented by Michael Berkeley.†

**6.30** Bandstand: GUS Band (under Wilkinson). Horovitz's Ballet for band; Malcolm Arnold's Fantasy for brass band; Herbert Howells's Ile's Interlude (Three Figures).†

**7.00** Danish Music of the 70s: Danish Trio play Per Norgaard's Spell, 1973; and Vagn Holmboe's Trio Op 137.

**7.40** Beethoven's Missa Solemnis: a performance conducted by Giulini. With the Philharmonia Orchestra, Philharmonia Chorus and soloists Elaine Woods, Anne Kjevang, Siegfried Jerusalem and Robert Lloyd.†

**9.15** A Man Without Illusions: Richard Cork's assessment of the painter Francis Bacon. The contributors include Bacon himself, Dawn Ades, Brian Farrell, Richard Francis, Donald Kuspit, David Sylvester and Margaret Walters.

**10.00** Music in Our Time: Lontano (under Odaline de la Martinez) play William Kratt's Gallery 83, George Newson's O my America (with Nisi Jenkins, tenor, and Neil Cunningham, narrator); and Roger Reynolds's Mistral, with Shelagh Sutherland (harpsichord).†

**11.15** Bax: John McCabe (piano) plays the Sonata No 4 in G.†.

**11.35** Bach Cantatas: No 37 – Wer da glaubet und getauft wird. Harnoncourt conducts the Concentus Musicus Vienna, Chorus Viennensis, Vienna Boys Choir and soloists Esswood, Equiluz and Rund van der Maer.

**11.57** News. Until 12.00.

## Radio 2

On medium wave.† also VHF stereo. News on the hour Headlines 5.30am, 6.30, 7.30 and 8.30. 4.00am ColinBerry.† 6.00 Ray Moore.† 8.05 Ken Bruce.† 10.30 Angela Rippon.† 1.05pm Sports Desk: David Jacobs.† 2.05 Gloria Hunniford† incl 3.02 Sports Desk. Racing from York: 3.05 The Yorkshire Cup. 3.30 Music All The Way† incl 4.02 Sports Desk. 4.05 David Hamilton† incl 5.05; 6.02 Sports Desk. 6.05 John Dunn† incl 6.45 Sport and Classified results (MF) only. 7.30 Cricket Scoreboard. 8.02 Wally Whyton† introduces the best in country music with Country Club, and featuring Glen Campbell in concert. 9.55 Sports Desk. 10.00 The News Huddlines. Roy Hudd laughs at the news with June Whitfield, Chris Emmett and the Huddliners. 10.30 Star Sound Extra. Tom Hutchinson's critical review of the latest film releases, plus a competition – album prize of the 'Cotton Club'. 11.00 Brian Matthew presents Round Midnight (stereo from midnight). 1.00am Charles Nove.† 3.00 Male Voice Choir of The Year Competition† Presented by Brian Hoey. 3.45-4.00 William Davies at the piano.

## Radio 1

On medium wave.† also VHF stereo. News on the half hour from 5.30 am until 9.30 pm and at 12 midnight. 6.00am Adrian John. 7.00 Mike Read. 9.00 Simon Bates. 12.00 Gary Davies incl 12.30 pm Newsbeat. 2.30 Steve Wright 5.30 Bruno Brookes incl 5.30 Newsbeat. 7.30 Janice Long. 10.00-12.00 Into the Music.† Featuring a session from Venture. VHF Radios 1 & 2: 4.00am With Radio 2. 10.00pm With Radio 1. 12.00-4.00am With Radio 2

## WORLD SERVICE

6.00 Newsdesk. 6.30 Nature Notebook. 6.40 The Farming World. 7.00 World News. 7.09 Twenty-Four Hours 7.30 Kings of Swing. 7.45 Network UK 8.00 World News 8.09 Reflections. 8.15 International Soccer Special. 8.30 John Peel. 9.00 World News. 9.09 Review of the British Press. 9.15 The World Today. 9.30 Financial News. 9.40 Look Ahead. 9.45 Monitor. 10.00 News Summary. 10.01 British Swing Quartet. 11.00 World News. 11.09 News About Britain. 11.15 New Ideas. 11.25 A Letter from England. 11.30 Assignment. 12.00 Radio Newsreel. 12.15 Top Twenty. 12.45 Sports Roundup. 1.00 World News. 1.09 Twenty-Four Hours. 1.30 Network UK. 1.45 It's All Been Done Before. 2.00 Outlook. 2.45 Land of a Thousand Dances. 3.00 Radio Newsreel. 3.15 The Pleasure's Yours. 4.00 World News. 4.09 Commentary. 4.15 Assignment. 7.45 Report on Religion. 8.00 World News. 8.09 Twenty-Four Hours. 8.30 Business Matters. 9.00 News Summary. 9.01 Book Choice. 9.05 In the Meantime. 9.15 A Jolly Good Show. 10.00 World News. 10.09 The World Today. 10.25 A Letter from England. 10.30 Financial News. 10.40 Reflections. 10.45 Sports Roundup. 11.00 World News. 11.09 Commentary. 11.15 Merchant Navy Programme. 11.30 Meridian. 12.00 World News. 12.09 News About Britain. 12.15 Radio Newsreel. 12.30 Ralph McTell and Friends. 1.00 News Summary. 1.01 Outlook. 1.30 The Poem Itself. 1.45 Book Choice. 1.50 In the Meantime. 2.00 World News. 2.09 Review of the British Press. 2.15 Jewels for a Princess: The Sonatas of Scarlatti. 2.30 Bach: The 48. 3.00 World News. 3.15 The World Today. 4.45 Financial News. 4.55 Reflections. 5.00 World News. 5.09 Twenty-Four Hours. 5.45 The World Today

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## BBC 1

Wales: 1.37pm-1.40 News of Wales headlines. 3.53-3.55 News of Wales headlines. 5.35-6.00 Wales Today. 6.35-7.00 Dr Kildare. 8.30-9.00 Week in Week Out. 11.40-11.45 News and weather. Scotland: 1.37pm-1.40 The Scottish New. 6.35-7.00 Reporting Scotland. 11.40-11.45 News and weather. Northern Ireland: 1.37-1.40 Northern Ireland news. 1.55-2.00 Interval. 2.00-2.30 Election 85. 3.53-3.55 Northern Ireland news. 3.55-4.30 Election 85. 5.35-5.40 Today's Sport. 5.40-6.00 Inside Ulster. 6.35-7.00 Dr Kildare. 8.30-9.00 Election 85. 11.40-11.50 Election 85. 11.50-11.55 News and weather. England: 6.35am-7.00pm Regional news magazines.

**ULSTER** As London except: 1.20pm Ballot Box '85. 2.00-2.30 Different Strokes. 3.30-4.00 Beverly Hillbillies". 4.00-4.20 Ballot Box '85. 5.15-5.45 Connections. 6.00-7.00 Ballot Box '85. 7.30-8.30 Street Hawk. 10.30-11.00 Ballot Box '85. 11.30 Festival Folk. 11.55 News, Closedown.

**HTV WEST** As London except: 1.20pm News. 1.30-2.25 Country Practice. 5.15-5.45 Connections. 6.00-6.35 News. 7.30-8.30 Street Hawk. 10.30 Weekend Outlook. 10.35 You're the boss. 11.05 Parents and teenagers. 11.30 New Avengers. 12.30am Closedown.

**HTV WALES** As HTV West except: 6.00pm-6.35 Wales at six. 10.30-11.05 Wales this week.

## REGIONAL TELEVISION VARIATIONS

**GRAMPIAN** As London except: 1.20pm News. 1.30-2.30 Champions. 5.15-5.45 Connections. 6.00 North Tonight. 6.30-6.35 Police News. 7.00 Studio One. 7.30-8.30 Street Hawk. 10.30-11.00 Benson. 11.30 Crann Tara. 12.00 Festival Folk. 12.30am News.

**TSW** As London except: 1.20pm News. 1.30-2.30 Hotel. 5.15 Gus Honeybun. 5.20-5.45 Crossroads. 6.00 Today.South West. 6.30-7.00 Gardens for All. 7.30-8.30 Street Hawk. 11.30 Yellow Rose. 12.25am Postcript. Closedown.

**GRANADA** As London except: 11.55am-12.00 Professor Kitzel. 1.20pm Granada Reports. 1.30-2.30 Scrarrow and Mrs King. 3.30-4.00 The Young Doctors. 5.15-5.45 Connections. 6.00 This is Your Life. 6.05 Crossroads. 6.30-7.00 Granada Reports. 7.30-8.30 Hart to Hart. 11.30 Flight Night. 12.30am Closedown.

**TVS** As London except: 1.20pm News. 1.30 Home Cookery. 1.35-2.30 Falcon Crest. 3.30-4.00 Parlour Game. 5.15-5.45 Connections. 6.00-6.30 Coast to Coast. 7.30-8.30 Street Hawk. 10.30-11.00 Putting on the South. 11.30 New Avengers. 12.30am Company. Closedown.

**YORKSHIRE** As London except: 12.30-1.00 Calendar news. 1.20 Calendar headlines and community service announcement. 1.30-2.30 The Love Boat. 5.15-5.45 Connections. 6.00-6.35 Calendar and weather. 7.30-8.30 Street Hawk. 11.30 Fight Night. 12.30 Closedown.

**CENTRAL** As London except: 12.25pm European Folk Tales. 12.40-1.00 Contract. 1.20 News. 1.30-2.30 Irish RM. 5.15-5.45 Connections. 6.00 Crossroads. 6.25-7.00 News. 7.30-8.30 Street Hawk. 10.30-11.00 Central Lobby. 11.30 Fight Night. 12.30am Closedown.

**BORDER** As London except: 1.20m News. g u 1.30-2.30 Champions. 3.00 Nothing but the Best. 3.30-4.00 Young Doctors. 5.15-5.45 Connections. 6.00-6.35 Lookaround. 7.30-8.30 Street Hawk. 10.30-11.00 Studio One. 11.30 Benson. 12.00 News, Closedown.

**TYNE TEES** As London except: 1.20pm News. 1.30-2.30 Irish RM. 5.15-5.45 Connections. 6.00 News. 6.02 Crossroads. 6.25-7.00 Northern Life. 7.30-8.30 Street Hawk. 10.32 Parents and Teenagers. 11.00 Yellow Rose. 11.55 This Is The Year. Closedown.

**S4C** Starts 1.00pm Isaura the slave girl. 2.00 Ffalabalam. 2.15 Their Lordships' House. 2.30 Racing from York. 4.30 Interval. 4.50 Ffalabalam. 5.05 Scwbi-dw. 5.30 Cartoon Carnival. 6.00 Brookside. 6.30 Wheelbracks. 7.00 Newyddion Saith. 7.30 Am y Corau. 8.10 Coleg. 8.40 Awyr Iach. 9.10 Llygad y Gelnlog. 9.40 End of Empire. 10.40 Terror. 11.40 Scotland Yard.

**CHANNEL** As London except: 1.20pm News. 1.30-2.30 Hotel. 5.15-5.45 Beverly Hillbillies." 6.00 Channel Report. 6.30 Crossroads. 6.55-7.00 Jan and Steve. 7.30-8.30 Street Hawk. 11.30 Yellow Rose. 12.25am Closedown.

**ANGLIA** as London except: 1.20pm News. 5.15-5.45 Connections. 6.00-6.35 About Anglia. 7.00-7.30 Anything Goes. 10.30-11.00 Country Living. 11.30 Yellow Rose. 12.30am Thursday Topic, Closedown.

**SCOTTISH** As London except: 1.20pm News. 1.30 Bodyline. 1.35-2.30 Love Boat. 3.00 Fu" Life. 3.30-4.00 Survival. 5.15-5.45 Connections. 6.00-6.35 News and Scotland today. 7.00 Take the High Road. 7.30-8.30 Street Hawk. 10.30 Crime Desk. 10.35 Report. 11.05 Late Call. 11.10 Parents and Teenagers. 11.40 Positively Unemployed. 12.10am Crann Tara. 12.40 Closedown.

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DOMMAR WAREHOU

# 'I thought I was in hell' says fire victim

Three of the survivors of the Bradford City fire spoke about the disaster from the burns unit at Pinderfields Hospital, Wakefield, yesterday (Peter Davenport writes).

Mr Kenneth Perryman, aged 76, a retired fireman, is seriously ill, Mrs Joan Williamson, aged 58, a housewife is satisfactory and Mr Duncan Firth, aged 57, a print designer is very ill and among those most badly burned.

Mr Firth received burns to his face, feet, body and legs and was yesterday covered in bandages from his feet to his neck. His arms, covered by linen dressings were held above his head by two stands to aid the healing process. The right side of his face was still blackened from the intense heat of Saturday's blaze.

He had been at the match with his wife Muriel who is detained in St Luke's Hospital, Bradford, where plastic surgeons yesterday performed 13 operations bringing the total for skin graft work to 60 since the weekend.

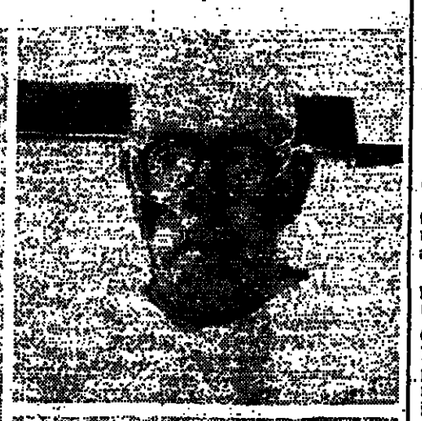
Mr Firth, with some difficulty, described his escape from the burning stand. He and his wife were swept along by the panicking crowd towards the back of the stand even though th knew the doors would be locked. "There was no opportunity to do any thing else. We were just swept past the shop in the stand and were suddenly hit by a great ball of black smoke. It seemed to come reacing past us and then the lights went out wiuth a bang and it all went black.

"I thought 'my God, we have had jit now'. I took a couple of breaths and clung to my wife. We were lucky then because then there appeared to our left some light through a door, I think it was flames but it gave us some help in trying to go forward. It was an inferno. I could not believe it because we had only been out of our seats for two minutes."

He and his wife scrambled over the wall on to the pitch and it was only then that Mr Firth realized that his clothes were on fire. A policeman and spectators grabbed him and rolled him over to douse the flames.

Mrs Williamson, who was at the match with a friend whose son plays for Bradford City, suffered injuries to her right hand and her feet and has undergone skin graft operations. She was sitting, wearing a green dressing gown and described how she had seen the smoke and thought that some "silly kids" had started a fire. Then everybody began rushing to the back of the stand where they found the doors locked.







Survivors: Mrs Williamson, of Armley, Leeds, Mr Perryman (top right) of Bradford, and Mr Firth (bottom), of Baildon, near Bradford, recovering in the burns unit of Pinderfields Hospital, Wakefield, yesterday. Mr Perryman, a former fireman, who was caught in the flaming stand said: "I have never prayed so hard."

## "In pain but very, very lucky"

"And then everybody seemed to be trampling on everybody. My God, I trampled on old women and old men but I was just being dragged along," she said.

She saw that her friend's hair and back were on fire and then a stranger grabbed her and dragged her out of the stand, over the wall on to the pitch, all the time trying to douse her burning hair with his hands.

"I regard myself as very very lucky. I am in loads of pain but it's better than being dead. I dindn't know who the man was who saved me but he rang the hospital later and gave the name Mr Steel and asked if I could have flowers but they told him it was not allowed in intenisve care.

"I wish I could find him to thank him, because if it hadn't been for him I would have been dead. Well and truly dead. The heat was horrific. When people started to panic why didn't somebody open the doors?"

MR PERRYMAN, who served 30 years with the Bradford City Fire Brigade, suffered burns to his head and hands. He was sitting swathed in bandages in a chair covered by a blanket drinking from a plastic container.

He was a season ticket holder in the main stand but on Saturday was viewing the game from the promenade area, standing near the director's box when he first noticed the smoke to his left. He thought someone had thrown a smoke bomb as had happened at previous matches.

He began to move away from the flames and then, he said: "They came along the roof though so fast they hit the office buildings and bounced back as a fireball. I thought I was in hell. I thought I'd had my chips. I am a praying man and I don't mind admitting I've never prayed so hard," he said.

Mr Perryman said he used his fire service training and dropped to his knees below the smoke to make his escape. "I've never experienced anything like this in all my 30 years in the service. It was horrific. The first night I was in hospital I daren't go to sleep because every time I shut my eyes I saw the area of flames again."

# Police spotter plane crashes

Continued from page 1

of British enterprise and technology". In May last year it won a Design Council award.

The Civil Aviation Authority granted the plane an airworthiness certificate in February.

● I flew the aircraft with Neville Duke, consultant test pilot for the project and among the most experienced test pilots in the world (Ronald Faux writes). His view was that the plane was excellent for the job it was designed to do.

Take-off was swift into a brisk westerly wind and even in those bumpy conditions the Optica handled very stably. The City of Salisbury filled the panoramic nose of the aircraft and I throttled back and, nose to wind, applied the large flaps that act as slow speed stabilisers and watched the speed fall back to just over 40 knots.

The wind was around 30 knots which meant that we were cruising over Salisbury at bicycle speed. As Neville Duke explained, the Optica sits in the sky almost like a kestrel, allowing the crew ample time to carry out their tasks. It can make tight but tolerable circles in the sky for up to eight hours.

## Backing for Bill to aid sub-letting house-owners

Government support for a private member's Bill aimed at restoring the right of owner-occupiers to regain possession of their homes after letting them under successive tenancy arrangements was announced yesterday by Mr Patrick Jenkin, Secretary of State for the Environment (Christopher Warman, Our Property Correspondent, writes).

Mr Michael Mates, Conservative MP for Hampshire East, had introduced his Rent (Amendment) Bill, which was given its first reading on Tuesday, to ensure that people who had let their homes for a short period while overseas would be able to repossess them on their return.

He said the measure, which had all party support, would correct a flaw

Letter from Philadelphia

# When death came to Osage Avenue

The bizarre nihilist gang of Philadelphia lodged like some monstrous parasite among the decent people of the quiet middle class neighbourhood of Osage Avenue.

This is an agreeable area beside a park. Its well established large houses are inhabited mostly by black people who earn $30-40,000 a year as civil servants, security guards, factory workers. They furnish their homes well and plant geraniums and roses in their neatly fenced and hedged gardens.

"It's really lovely," a woman said, "You wouldn't want to live anywhere else."

The arrival of Move, a society-rejecting group of men and women who wore their hair in dreadlocks and used the surname of Africa, changed everything in the heart of the neighbourhood.

The intruders' presence became like a foul odour or a stain. At first the local people, in neighbourly spirit, tried to get to know the strangers. But the people of Move were always truculent. Only the dirty, half naked children would manage a shy "Hi".

Members of the group stole from gardens and rubbish bins and let their house and garden become infested and stinking. And they fixed up a loudspeaker to carry oaths and all-day harangues to the long-suffering people. This went on for three years.

"The people of Osage Avenue lived in a kind of hell," Father James Callaghan, a Roman Catholic priest, said "Move made their lives unendurable. It was something beyond their experience and a clash became inevitable."

Osage Avenue, devastated by the fire which followed the police bombing of the Move house, still smouldered yesterday as police sifted through the debris. At midday a seventh body was pulled from the rubble.

Fifty-three homes have been destroyed and damage estimated at $4 million. There has been a relief operation for the 250 homeless people, amazing in its swiftness and abundance. Philadelphia is living up to its "city of brotherly love" name. There are great piles of food and clothing and money has also been donated, including an anonymous gift of £100,000.

St Carthage's Church, near the burnt-out area, has been turned into a relief shelter. Its pews are covered with jeans, jumpers, shirts, suits and underwear. In front of the altar are piled thousands of shoes. Most of the homeless were evacuated quickly and have only the clothes they were wearing.

Audrey King, a university student aged 20, who was evacuated from Osage Avenue, was at the church yesterday chosing a skirt and some jumpers. She said to me that Move had spead fear throughout the neighbourhood. "They openly carried guns and the more they built up their barricades the more frightened we became. We just knew that as the tension increased something had to give. We hated them."

"The noise from their loudspeakers was terrible. They would start at 10 in the morning and go on until 10 at night, and sometimes just cursing. It put me off my studies and I had to go to a friend's house to get peace. Now I am about to do my final exams and my books and research papers were in our house. This is one of the best neighbourhoods in the city and I know everyone on our block. I think that we are such a close community that we can rebuild it."

The shoot-out, bombing and fire were the biggest crisis faced by Major Wilson Goode, Philadelphia's first black mayor, elected in 1983. The mayor has a high popularity rating throughout the city, but many feel his reputation has been dented by this week's incident. There is criticism of what are seen as heavy-handed measures. Even in America people are astonished that police could think of bombing a house in a residential part of a great city. There is rumbling that the mayor waited too long before acting. On the other hand, even among those who lost their homes there is a view that the mayor and the police were right to act with force – and that the aftermath of the bombing was bad luck.

**Trevor Fishlock**

# THE TIMES INFORMATION SERVICE

## Today's events

### Royal engagements

The Duke of Edinburgh visits Hurstpierpoint College, Sussex, 10; and later as President of the World Wildlife Fund International and Vice President of the International Union for Conservation of Nature and Natural Resources, attends WWF and IUCN meeting in Gland, Switzerland, and Divonne-les Bains, France; departs Gatwick, 11.40.

The Princess of Wales, President, Dr. Barnardo's, visits Dr. Barnardo's at Lineside Close, Liverpool, 11.10; and later visits Thingwell Hall Residential Training Centre, Broadgreen, Liverpool, 1.

Princess Anne attends the Devon County Show, Exeter, 11.10.

Princess Margaret visits Newport, Shropshire, arrives Longford Hall, 12.30.

Princess Alice, Duchess of Gloucester, opens Gloucester House, Salisbury City Almshouse and Welfare Charities Sheltered Housing Scheme, Salisbury, Wilts, 2.20.

The Duke of Gloucester attends lunch at the Institute of Structural Engineers, 11 Upper Belgrave St, London, 12.

The Duchess of Gloucester attends the film premiere of *The American Dream* in aid of The King's Medical Research Trust at the Classic Cinema, Haymarket, W1, 6.50.

Princess Alexandra visits the Isle of Man to open the 1985 Special Olympics; arrives Ronaldsway Airport, 2, and travels to Onchan Stadium, arrives 2.45.

Prince and Princess Michael of Kent visit Alton Towers, Staffs, 11.45.

### New exhibition

Furniture by designer John Petch; The Ginnel Gallery, 16 Lloyds St, Manchester; Mon to Fri 9.30 to 5.30, Sat 1 to 4 (ends June 7).

### Music

Concert by the Manning String Trio, Kettle's Yard, Castle St, Cambridge, 8.

Recital by Isabelle Flory (violin) and Robin Colvill (piano); Adcote School, Shrewsbury, 7.30.

Recital by Myra Bennett (flute), Andrew Thomas (viola) and Pauline Alston (piano); Liverpool Parish Church, Pier Head, 1.05.

Modern Jazz concert by Danny Moss (tenor saxaphone), Jeanie Lambe (vocals) and the Jazz Trio; Kaz Modern Jazz Klub, Riverside, The Quay, Hazel Rd, Woolston, Southampton, 8.

Concert by the Bath Symphony Orchestra; Pavillion, Bath, 7.30.

Schubert Festival: Recital by Riki Gerardy (arpeggione) and David Owen Norris (piano), 1; and a piano recital by Bernard Roberts, 7.45; Crucible Studio, Sheffield.

Newbury Spring Festival: Organ recital by Trevor Selby, St. Nicolas Church, 1; concert by Richard Stilgoe with the Cambridge Buskers, Jubilee Hall, Downe House School, Cold Ash, 8; and a recital by Pamina Blum (flute) and Geoffrey Pratley (harpsichord), St Mary's and St Nicholas Church Compton, 7.30.

Kent County Music Festival concert; Rochester Cathedral, 7.30.

### Talks, lectures

Essex in Domesday Book, by Prof Geoffrey Martin; Lecture Theatre Block, Essex University, Colchester, 7.30.

The essential ambiguity of the photographic image, by John Stezaker, Cambridge Darkroom, Dales Brewery, Gwydir, St, 7.30.

Limb Valley by Dr Harold Smith; Friends Meeting House, Hartshead, Sheffield, 7.30.

Is reality a process? by Lord Anthony Quinton, Queen's building, Exeter, University, 4.30.

Steps towards cancer – and immortality, by Sir Michael Stoker; Molecular Sciences Lecture Theatre, Sussex University, Brighton, 5.30.

### General

Antiques Fair; Pavilion Gardens, Buxton, 12 to 9 daily, last day 12 to 6 (ends May 18).

West of England Antiques Fair; Assembly Rooms Bath, 11 to 7 daily (ends May 18).

Book Sale Christchurch, Holy Corner, Edinburgh, 2 to 5 daily, last day 10 to 5 (ends May 18).

Hanging baskets demonstration; Obtanical Gardens, Claekhouse Rd, Sheffield, 2 and 6.30.

## Parliament today

Commons (2.30): Motion for the spring adjournment. Administration of Justice Bill, second reading.

Lords (3): Interception of Communications Bill, second reading.

## ENIGMA

Yesterday's clue was incorrect. Here is the correct clue, followed by Clue No. 3:

The sum of the squares of each of the 4 unduplicated digits in the soluton is only 133. One of the two duplicated digits in the solution is also in the Enigma number.

The 8 digits of the solution contain both the square and the square root of two of the digits, and the Enigma number contains the square root of the same two digits.

## New books–paperback

The Literary Editor's selection of interesting books published this week:

FICTION

**The Bottle Factory Outing**, by Beryl Bainbridge (Flamingo, £2.50)
**The Stories of Raymond Carver** (Picador, £3.50)
**The Suburbs of Hell**, by Randolph Stow (Dent, £2.95)
**Travel Light**, by Naomi Mitchison (Virago, £2.95)

NON-FICTION

**Edinburgh, An Illustrated Architectural Guide**, by Charles McKean and David Walker (RIAS and Scottish Academic Press, £3.50)
**Sources Close to the Prime Minister**, by Michael Cockerill, Peter Hennessy, and David Walker (Papermac, £4.95)
**The Perfect Stranger**, by P. J. Kavanagh (Flamingo, £2.50)
**The Penguin English Dictionary 1985-86** (Penguin, £2.50)
**The Poems of Wilfred Owen**, edited by Jon Stallworthy (Hogarth, £2.95)
**Thinking about Thinking**, by Antony Flew (Flamingo, £2.50)

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## Roads

Wales and west: M5: Contraflow on southbound carriageway between junctions 12 (Gloucester) and 14 (B4509 Thornbury); northbound exit at junction 13 closed. M5: Contraflow on northbound carriageway between 16 and 17 (Bristol); no exit southbound at junction 17 and no entry at junction 16. A465: Southbound carriageway closed between Neath and Llandarcy; contraflow on northbound.

The north: M6: Lanes closed on both carriageways between junction 32 (M55) and 33 (A6 Lancaster South); access to Forton services maintained; care required. M6: Southbound carriageway closed for resurfacing from junction 41 (Penrith) to junction 44 (Carlisle 74); all traffic sharing the northbound carriageway. A68: Resurfacing at Tow Law, Durham; traffic lights; delays.

Scotland: A9: Resurfacing in High St, Golspie, Sutherland; single lane traffic with lights. A96 City of Aberdeen: Construction of dual carriageway; width restricted on Great Northern Rd at Don St. A929: Road construction work near A928 junction, 4½ miles N of Dundee; temporary diversions; care.

Information supplied by the AA

## Anniversaries

John Sell Cotman, watercolourist was born at Norwich, 1782.

Deaths: Felicia Hermans, poet, Dublin, 1835; Baron Jean-Baptiste Fourier, Mathematician, Paris, 1830.

Today is Ascension Day – the 40th day after Easter commemorating the ascent of Christ into Heaven as witnessed by the Apostles. The day has been celebrated since the fourth century.

## Portfolio

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● The wording of Rules 2 and 8 has been expanded from earlier versions for clarification purposes. The Game itself is not affected and will continue to be played in exactly the same way as before.

## Bradford appeal

Money from the Bradford disaster appeal, is already being made available to the relatives of the dead and injured from Saturday's fire. Extra telephone lines were installed at the appeals office yesterday as more volunteers joined the 12 council staff and volunteer helpers.

Although there have been reports of bogus collectors in Torquay, police in Bradford say there have been no reports of similar offences there. However, Bradford Council will today be issuing special permits to anybody wanting to collect money for the fund. Applicants must be over 18 and will be vetted.

Donations for the appeal can be made by cheque and sent to Bradford Disaster Appeal, c/o Bradford City Council, PO Box 85, Bradford, BD1 1JX; at any post office by Freepay 6009 or over the counter at all National Westminster branches. The account for the appeal fund is at National Westminster Bank, Bradford, a/c No 01 785 79783, bank sorting code 56-00-36.

For enquiries about the fund telephone Bradford 752925; 752994; 752995; 752996; 752987 or Freefone Bradford Disaster Fund.

## Importing a car

The new European Regulation requiring manufacturers to meet their franchised dealers' orders for right-hand drive cars, wherever the car is ordered in the EEC and whatever the nationality of the customer, takes effect on July 1.

The Consumers' Association has accordingly updated its *Which?* Action Kit advising motorists on how to take advantage of the lower European prices and the easing of British restrictions. The *Which?* Action Kit: Importing a Car is £4.95 inc. p&p from the Consumers' Association, Castlemead, Gascoyne Way, Hertford, SG14 1LH.

## The pound

| | Bank Buys | Bank Sells |
|---|---|---|
| Australia $ | 1.91 | 1.82 |
| Austria Sch | 28.25 | 26.85 |
| Belgium Fr | 81.00 | 77.00 |
| Canada $ | 1.78 | 1.71 |
| Denmark Kr | 14.50 | 13.80 |
| Finland Mkk | 8.40 | 8.00 |
| France Fr | 12.22 | 11.67 |
| Germany DM | 4.00 | 3.82 |
| Greece Dr | 172.00 | 162.00 |
| Hong Kong $ | 10.20 | 9.60 |
| Ireland Pt | 1.266 | 1.226 |
| Italy Lira | 2555.00 | 2435.00 |
| Japan Yen | 331.00 | 315.00 |
| Netherlands Gld | 4.55 | 4.31 |
| Norway Kr | 11.82 | 11.07 |
| Portugal Escr | 222.00 | 212.00 |
| South Africa Rd | 3.10 | 2.70 |
| Spain Pta | 222.00 | 211.00 |
| Sweden Kr | 11.83 | 11.08 |
| Switzerland Fr | 3.37 | 3.21 |
| USA $ | 1.32 | 1.26 |
| Yugoslavia Dnr | 330.00 | 310.00 |

Rates for small denomination bank notes only, as supplied by Barclays Bank PLC. Different rates apply to travellers' cheques and other foreign currency business.

Retail Price Index: 356.1.

London: The *FT* Index closed up 10.0 at 1022.3.

## Weather forecast

**Pressure will remain high over the British Isles with mainly light or moderate winds.**

### 6am to midnight

**London, SE, central S, SW England, Channel Islands, S Wales:** Sunny intervals, scattered showers; winds SE, light or moderate; max temp 16C (61F).

**Midlands, E, NW, central N England, N Wales, Lake District:** Sunny intervals, isolated showers; winds SE light; max temp 16C (61F).

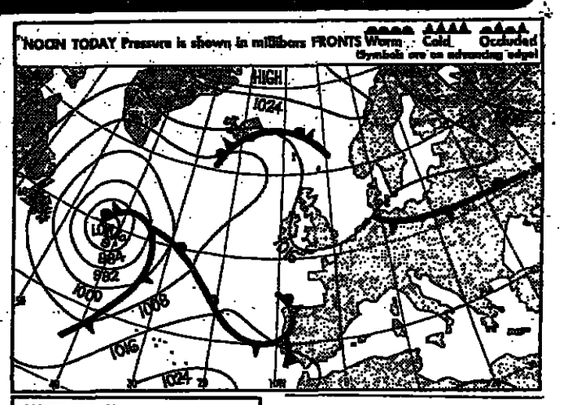
**Isle of Man, SW Scotland, Glasgow, Central Highlands, Moray Firth, Northern Ireland:** Sunny intervals, mainly dry; winds light; max temp 15C (59F).

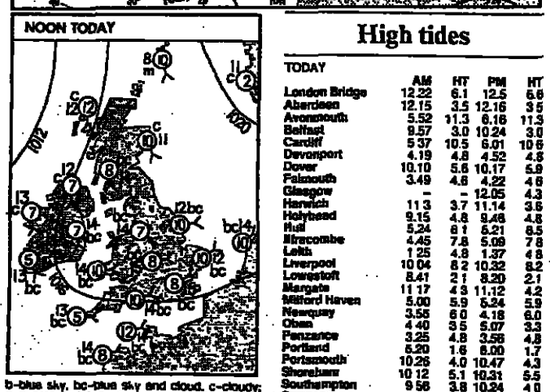
**NE England, Borders, Edinburgh, Dundee, Aberdeen, NE Scotland, Orkney, Shetland:** Mainly cloudy, dull and misty on coasts; winds SE light or moderate; max temp 11C (52F), but cooler on coasts.

**Argyll, NW Scotland:** Rain at first, sunny intervals developing; winds S light or moderate; max temp 14C (57F).

**Outlook for tomorrow and Saturday:** Becoming mainly dry with sunny periods and rather warm generally.

**SEA PASSAGES: S North Sea, Strait of Dover, English Channel E:** Wind light occasionally moderate; mainly fair; visibility moderate with a few fog patches; sea smooth or slight. **St George's Channel, Irish Sea:** Wind SE light or moderate; mainly fair; visibility moderate with fog patches; sea smooth or slight.




b-blue sky, bc-blue sky and cloud, c-cloudy, o-overcast, l-fog d-drizzle, h-hail, m-mist, r-rain, s-snow th-thunderstorm p-showers. Arrows show wind direction, wind speed (mph) circled temperatures centigrade.

Sun rises: 5.08 am Sun sets: 8.47 pm

Moon rises: 4.09 am Moon sets: 5.12 pm

New Moon: May 19.

## Lighting-up time

London 9.17 pm to 4.38 am
Bristol 9.27 pm to 4.48 am
Edinburgh 9.51 pm to 4.27 am
Manchester 9.35 pm to 4.35 am
Penzance 9.33 pm to 5.03 am

## Yesterday

Temperatures at midday yesterday: c, cloud; f, fair; r, rain; s, sun.

| | C | F | | C | F |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Belfast | r | 10 | 50 | Guernsey | f | 12 | 54 |
| Birmingham | c | 13 | 55 | Inverness | c | 11 | 52 |
| Blackpool | r | 11 | 52 | Jersey | c | 13 | 55 |
| Bristol | c | 14 | 57 | London | f | 14 | 57 |
| Cardiff | c | 14 | 57 | Manchester | r | 13 | 55 |
| Edinburgh | c | 13 | 55 | Newcastle | c | 12 | 54 |
| Glasgow | c | 12 | 54 | Ronaldsway | r | 9 | 48 |

## London

Yesterday: Temps max 6 am to 6 pm, 16C (61F); min 6 pm to 6 am, 9C (48F). Humidity: 6 pm, 56 per cent. Rain: 24hr to 6 pm, 0.63in. Sun: 24hr to 6 pm, 2.8. Bar, mean sea level, 6 pm, 1013.3 millibars rising.
1,000 millibars = 29.53in.

## Highest and lowest

Yesterday: Highest day temp: Jersey 18C (64F); lowest day temp: Mull of Galloway 9C (48F); highest rainfall: Colwyn Bay 1.08in; highest sunshine: Stornoway 11.5hr.

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## High tides

TODAY

| | AM | HT | PM | HT |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| London Bridge | 12.22 | 6.1 | 12.5 | 6.6 |
| Aberdeen | 12.15 | 3.5 | 12.16 | 3.5 |
| Avonmouth | 5.52 | 11.3 | 6.16 | 11.3 |
| Belfast | 9.57 | 3.0 | 10.24 | 3.0 |
| Cardiff | 5.37 | 10.5 | 6.01 | 10.6 |
| Devonport | 4.19 | 4.8 | 4.52 | 4.9 |
| Dover | 10.10 | 5.6 | 10.17 | 5.8 |
| Falmouth | 3.49 | 4.8 | 4.22 | 4.8 |
| Glasgow | – | – | 12.05 | 4.3 |
| Harwich | 11.3 | 3.7 | 11.14 | 3.8 |
| Holyhead | 9.15 | 4.8 | 9.48 | 4.8 |
| Hull | 5.24 | 8.1 | 5.21 | 8.5 |
| Ilfracombe | 4.45 | 7.8 | 5.08 | 7.8 |
| Leith | 1.25 | 4.8 | 1.27 | 4.8 |
| Liverpool | 10.04 | 8.2 | 10.32 | 8.2 |
| Lowestoft | 8.41 | 2.1 | 9.20 | 2.1 |
| Margate | 11.17 | 4.3 | 11.12 | 4.2 |
| Milford Haven | 5.00 | 5.9 | 5.24 | 5.9 |
| Newquay | 3.55 | 6.0 | 4.18 | 6.0 |
| Oban | 4.40 | 3.5 | 5.07 | 3.3 |
| Penzance | 3.25 | 4.8 | 3.58 | 4.8 |
| Portland | 5.20 | 1.6 | 6.00 | 1.7 |
| Portsmouth | 10.26 | 4.0 | 10.47 | 4.3 |
| Shoreham | 10.12 | 5.1 | 10.31 | 5.5 |
| Southampton | 9.56 | 3.8 | 10.24 | 4.0 |
| Swansea | 6.07 | 8.1 | 6.31 | 8.2 |
| Tees | 2.41 | 4.5 | 2.44 | 4.7 |
| Wells-on-Naze | 10.48 | 3.7 | 10.55 | 3.6 |

Tide measurement in metres: 1m=3.280ft.

## Around Britain

| | Sun hr | Rain in | Max C | Max F | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| EAST COAST | | | | | |
| Scarboro | 1.8 | .10 | 16 | 61 | Bright pm |
| Bridlington | 1.4 | .19 | 13 | 55 | Bright pm |
| Cromer | – | – | – | – | – |
| Lowestoft | 7.2 | .11 | 13 | 55 | Sunny |
| Clacton | 1.4 | .11 | 12 | 54 | Cloudy |
| Margate | – | .23 | 18 | 61 | Dull |
| SOUTH COAST | | | | | |
| Folkestone | 6.7 | .26 | 15 | 59 | Bright |
| Hastings | 1.9 | .48 | 14 | 57 | Bright |
| Eastbourne | 3.9 | .54 | 13 | 55 | Sunny pm |
| Brighton | 3.7 | .36 | 12 | 54 | Bright pm |
| Worthing | 4.0 | .42 | 12 | 54 | Cloudy |
| Littlehampton | 3.3 | .31 | 14 | 57 | Bright |
| Bognor R | 4.1 | .33 | 13 | 55 | Bright |
| Southsea | 2.8 | .31 | 14 | 57 | Cloudy |
| Gosport | – | – | – | – | – |
| Shanklin | 3.5 | .31 | 14 | 57 | Bright |
| Ilfracomb | 3.3 | .08 | 13 | 55 | Bright pm |
| Poole | 2.9 | .03 | 14 | 57 | Cloudy |
| Swanage | 4.1 | .01 | 14 | 57 | Cloudy am |
| Weymouth | 2.4 | – | 14 | 57 | Cloudy |
| Exmouth | 4.2 | – | 14 | 57 | Bright pm |
| Teignmouth | 4.2 | – | 13 | 55 | Sunny pm |
| Torquay | 4.9 | – | 15 | 59 | Bright |
| Falmouth | 7.7 | – | 15 | 59 | Sunny |
| Penzance | 6.6 | – | 15 | 59 | Sunny |
| Jersey | 6.3 | – | 18 | 64 | Bright |
| Guernsey | – | – | – | – | – |
| WEST COAST | | | | | |
| Scilly Isles | 8.1 | .01 | 15 | 59 | Showrs |
| Newquay | 4.2 | – | 15 | 59 | Cloudy |

| | Sun hrs | Rain in | Max C | Max F | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Ilfracombe | 1.2 | – | 16 | 61 | Cloudy |
| Tenby | 3.0 | – | 15 | 59 | Cloudy |
| Colwyn Bay | 0.8 | 1.08 | 14 | 57 | Bright pm |
| Southport | 0.5 | .78 | 15 | 59 | Rain pm |
| Morecambe | 2.2 | .78 | 16 | 61 | Cloudy |
| Douglas | – | .30 | 10 | 50 | Cloudy pm |
| ENGLAND AND WALES | | | | | |
| London (Cnt) | 2.6 | .63 | 16 | 61 | Rain am |
| B'ham (Airpt) | 1.8 | .39 | 15 | 59 | Showrs pm |
| Bristol (Cnt) | 1.1 | .21 | 15 | 59 | Cloudy |
| Cardiff (Cnt) | 1.6 | .31 | 15 | 59 | Cloudy |
| Anglesey | 2.7 | .63 | 13 | 55 | Rain am |
| M'ches'r (Airpt) | 1.0 | .66 | 15 | 59 | Rain am |
| Manchester | – | .86 | 15 | 59 | Rain am |
| Nottingham | 0.7 | .52 | 16 | 61 | Rain am |
| N'cst-e-Tyne | 0.7 | .49 | 15 | 59 | Rain |
| Carlisle | 0.1 | .21 | 14 | 57 | Rain am |
| SCOTLAND | | | | | |
| Eskdalemuir | – | .28 | 10 | 50 | Rain |
| Prestwick | – | .21 | 11 | 52 | Rain |
| Glasgow | – | .23 | 12 | 54 | Drizzle |
| Tiree | 3.0 | .27 | 13 | 55 | Rain pm |
| Stornoway | 11.5 | .02 | 14 | 57 | Sunny |
| Lerwick | 0.5 | .01 | 10 | 50 | Rain |
| Wick | – | .06 | 9 | 48 | Dzle am |
| Kinloss | 0.4 | .15 | 11 | 52 | Dzle pm |
| Aberdeen | 0.1 | .35 | 10 | 50 | Dzle am |
| St. Andrews | 0.1 | .17 | 13 | 55 | Bright pm |
| Edinburgh | 0.1 | .33 | 13 | 55 | Dzle am |
| NORTHERN IRELAND | | | | | |
| Belfast | – | .77 | 11 | 52 | Rain |

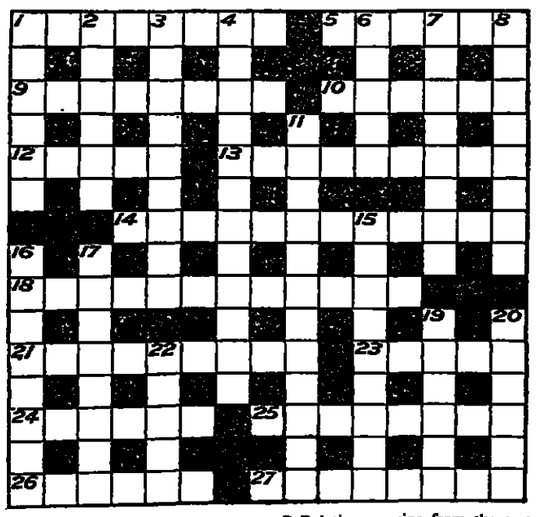
## Abroad

MIDDAY: c, cloud; d, drizzle; f, fair; fg, fog; r, rain; s, sun; sn, snow.

| | | C | F | | | C | F | | | C | F |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Ajaccio | f | 18 | 64 | Cologne | f | 20 | 68 | Majorca | f | 20 | 68 |
| Alcrohi | s | 23 | 73 | Copenhgn | f | 13 | 55 | Malaga | f | 22 | 72 |
| Alexandria | s | 25 | 77 | Corfu | s | 22 | 72 | Malta | s | 22 | 72 |
| Algiers* | c | 19 | 66 | Dublin | r | 11 | 52 | Melbourne | c | 14 | 57 |
| Amsterdam | c | 16 | 61 | Dubrovnik | s | 24 | 75 | Mexico C* | s | 25 | 77 |
| Athens | s | 25 | 77 | Faro | f | 18 | 64 | Miami* | s | 30 | 86 |
| Bahrain | s | 35 | 95 | Florence | f | 19 | 66 | Milan | s | 21 | 70 |
| Barbados* | f | 29 | 84 | Frankfurt | f | 19 | 66 | Montreal* | c | 29 | 78 |
| Barcelona | s | 17 | 63 | Funchal | f | 20 | 68 | Moscow | s | 17 | 63 |
| Beirut | | | | Geneva | s | 17 | 63 | Munich | f | 15 | 59 |
| Belgrade | s | 29 | 84 | Gibraltar | f | 19 | 66 | Nairobi | f | 24 | 75 |
| Berlin | c | 17 | 63 | Helsinki | s | 14 | 57 | Naples | s | 20 | 68 |
| Bermuda* | f | 25 | 77 | Hong Kong | f | 31 | 88 | New Delhi | s | 37 | 99 |
| Biarritz | f | 19 | 66 | Innsbruck | s | 21 | 70 | New York | | | |
| Boulogne | c | 13 | 55 | Istanbul | s | 21 | 70 | Nice | s | 17 | 63 |
| Bordeaux | c | 16 | 61 | Jeddah | s | 34 | 93 | Oslo | s | 19 | 61 |
| Brussels | f | 15 | 59 | Jo'burg | s | 15 | 59 | Paris | f | 16 | 59 |
| Budapest | fg | 27 | 81 | Karachi | s | 35 | 95 | Peking | c | 26 | 79 |
| Buen Aires* | r | 17 | 63 | Las Palmas | c | 20 | 68 | Perth | s | 20 | 68 |
| Cairo | s | 28 | 82 | Lisbon | r | 13 | 55 | Prague | f | 17 | 63 |
| Cape Tn | s | 28 | 82 | Locarno | s | 21 | 70 | Reykjavik | s | 10 | 50 |
| C'blanca | f | 19 | 66 | L Angeles* | s | 18 | 64 | Rhodes | s | 26 | 79 |
| Chicago | c | 29 | 84 | Luxembg | f | 16 | 61 | Riyadh | f | 37 | 99 |
| Christchurch* | r | 7 | 45 | Madrid | f | 15 | 59 | Rio de Jan | fg | 21 | 70 |
| | | | | | | | | Rome | s | 20 | 68 |
| | | | | | | | | Salzburg | f | 18 | 64 |
| | | | | | | | | Sao Paulo* | c | 23 | 73 |
| | | | | | | | | S Francisco* | s | 19 | 66 |
| | | | | | | | | Santiago* | s | 22 | 72 |
| | | | | | | | | Seoul | s | 27 | 81 |
| | | | | | | | | Singapore | f | 29 | 84 |
| | | | | | | | | Stockholm | s | 15 | 59 |
| | | | | | | | | Strasbourg | c | 19 | 61 |
| | | | | | | | | Sydney | s | 20 | 68 |
| | | | | | | | | Tangier | f | 19 | 66 |
| | | | | | | | | Tel Aviv | c | 22 | 72 |
| | | | | | | | | Tenerife* | d | 18 | 64 |
| | | | | | | | | Tokyo | s | 25 | 77 |
| | | | | | | | | Toronto* | f | 19 | 66 |
| | | | | | | | | Tunis | s | 23 | 73 |
| | | | | | | | | Valencia | s | 20 | 68 |
| | | | | | | | | Vancouver* | f | 11 | 52 |
| | | | | | | | | Venice | s | 21 | 70 |
| | | | | | | | | Vienna | s | 25 | 77 |
| | | | | | | | | Warsaw | fr | 25 | 77 |
| | | | | | | | | Washington* | f | 28 | 82 |
| | | | | | | | | Wellington* | r | 7 | 45 |
| | | | | | | | | Zurich | c | 15 | 59 |

* denotes Tuesday's figures are latest available

## The Times Crossword Puzzle No 16,738



ACROSS

1 Hands get together to produce this (8).
5 Companion undid corset (6).
9 Man's fear of Iberia (8).
10 Deronda unaffected by pride (6).
12 Caledonian taxes (5).
13 Readily and cheaply available, but you can't buy one now (3,1,5).
14 Frequently imagined at an assembly (4,3,5).
18 A fast start (3,9).
21 Tumbling water proved sea rough (9).
23 The Provost's window? (5).
24 Hide after returning this French patisserie (6).
25 Jenny, love, the king is the one who decides (8).
26 Gnome giving a talk (6).
27 Representing an instrument I see and you hear (8).

DOWN

1 I'm terrified some scallywag has transgressed (6).
2 Shepherd's gone round to the right (6).
3 Water puts a stop to pigs (5,4).
4 Dog needing a pass (5,7).
6 Make an impression – with your feet? (5).
7 Relation moving from the east (8).
8 Not disagreeing with a friend in the ring (8).
11 Cereal I fling about over savoury (7,5).
15 Weakened during the spring tides (2,1,3,3).
16 Unconvincing nature of two notes to the head (8).
17 Courtly behaviour from honourable companion heading off competition (8).
19 Can mostly dispose of cheap decoration (6).
20 2, perhaps, going round in a circle (6).
22 Offshoot that is a particle (5).

Solution of Puzzle No 16,737




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